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PEACE OR WAR IN BALANCE, SAY NAZIS

Special To "The People"

THE QUESTION OF AMERICA'S ENTRY INTO THE WAR, FOLLOWING A WARNING BY BERLIN TO WASHINGTON AGAINST TURNING OVER ENEMY SHIPS TO BRITAIN, WAS THE MAIN TOPIC OF CONVERSATION IN WORLD CAPITALS LAST NIGHT.

In LONDON it was suggested that Hitler, by threatening America, may wish to embroil her so that he might bring Japan into the conflict and take full advantage of his agreement with the Japanese so as to neutralise U.S. efforts to aid Britain.

In ISTANBUL the Turkish official Press said there was a possibility of Germany and Italy declaring war on U.S.A. over America's aid to Britain.

In ROME political circles declared that if U.S.A. handed Italian and German ships to Britain the act would be unfriendly towards the Axis, and unneutral.

In WASHINGTON, Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary for State, had no comment to make on Berlin's warning.

The Nazi spokesman, in his statement to foreign pressmen in Berlin, declared:

"The question of continued peace or possible war between Germany and the United States hangs in the balance."

The speaker revealed that the German Government was awaiting U.S. reaction to a proposal by Mr. Ronald Cross, British Minister for Shipping, regarding enemy ships in American ports.

Saying he spoke with "tremendous earnestness," the spokesman said the Minister for Shipping's proposal was "nothing more than inciting America to commit a warlike act."

He added (according to the A.P.) that Germany had shown restraint "to the point of self-effacement, while on the other side there has been a systematic policy of pinpricks, challenges, humiliations, and even moral aggression."

"UNBEARABLE"

"The Reich Government is, therefore, centring its entire attention upon this problem."

Anglo-American discussions over aid to Britain were becoming increasingly interesting, the spokesman said, because it was unbearable for Germany to let things drift further.

He said that American officialdom was making formulations "guided by certain querulous characteristics" which were undefined by international law.

It was rumoured that Ribbentrop originally intended to give the foreign Press Germany's reaction to Mr. Cross's proposal.

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WEYGAND TRUMP CARD

Pétain's "No" To Nazis

Vichy, Saturday.
FERNAND DE BRINON, FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO PARIS, HAS INFORMED THE GERMANS IN PARIS, ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM MARSHAL PETAIN, THAT FRANCE WILL NOT MAKE ANY CABINET CHANGES AND WILL NOT TAKE LAVAL BACK.

Pétain agreed, as requested by Otto Abetz, German Ambassador to Vichy, to replace General de la Laurence as Delegate-General in the occupied zone by De Brinon.

But other German demands, including the dismissal from the Cabinet of M. Peyrou, Minister of Interior, and M. Rafael Alibert, Minister of Justice, have been refused, informal circles in Vichy say.

MIGHT RISK IT

Reports strengthen the impression that Pétain and Laval are willing to envisage closer economic relations with Germany.

But any German demand in excess of the armistice terms would meet with resistance by Pétain, whose trump card is the presence of General Weygand in Africa.

Germany already controls French industry. If she made demands of a military nature she would risk forcing Marshal Pétain to resign and give General Weygand the signal that the time had come for the resumption of resistance.

It is not believed that Pétain would consent to the despatch of German troops through France. Should the Germans be tempted to use force, it is likely that they would lose on the balance, owing to the attitude of the French colonies.

Last night informed circles here believed that a meeting between Pétain and Ribbentrop was being arranged.

Germany is still anxious that M. Laval should receive some post at Vichy, according to the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten."

It does not, however, desire that he shall be placed in too exposed a position where he would bring discredit on the efforts at Franco-German co-operation.

(A.P. and Reuter messages.)

Woman On Secrets Charge

Cardiff, Saturday.
LOOKING pale and ill, a slim-built woman was remanded until December 30 at Cardiff today, charged with an offence concerning H.M. Forces.

She was Evelyn Froggatt, of Cardiff, accused of unlawfully having documents containing or purporting to contain information respecting operations of H.M. Forces.

The prosecution, asking for a remand to enable the police to make further inquiries, said other charges would be preferred.

Froggatt was granted bail in £20 and a surety of £20.

BREMEN OFF THE AIR

THE broadcasting station at Bremen went off the air 7.8 p.m. last night, states Reuter.

THE WAY OF A MAN WITH A MAID



Last Night's Raiders

GOERING last night sent his bombers to many parts of Britain.

There was an early alert in London, and raiders were also reported in the vicinity of towns in the East Midlands, North-East, and North-West.

Raiders were also over an East Anglian coastal district, and heavy bombs fell near a town. A.A. gunfire was continuous and accompanied by the most intense searchlight activity seen in the area since the war began.

H.E. and fire bombs were dropped on the West Midlands town.

DAYLIGHT RAIDS

London had its first day-time alert for nine days, but it lasted for only a few minutes. Enemy planes were also reported in the vicinity of Liverpool and a number of other towns in England and South Wales.

An Air Ministry communique stated:—
Shortly before dawn today (Saturday) a few single enemy aircraft dropped bombs in widely separated districts in the eastern half of England. Little damage was done and no one was killed or seriously injured.

One of these bombers was destroyed. During the hours of daylight there has been some enemy activity on a small scale.

Bombs dropped in the London area in the afternoon hit a block of flats and caused a small number of casualties. Another enemy aircraft was shot down, making two destroyed during the day.

WAVES OF RAIDERS HEARD OVER DOVER

SEARCHLIGHTS swept the Straits of Dover last night.

Flares dropped by aircraft gleamed brightly in the sky over the French coast.

Halifax, Eden, L.G. May Get New War Jobs

AREPORT that President Roosevelt has already been given the name of Lord Halifax as Britain's new Ambassador to the United States was denied in London yesterday.

The present Foreign Secretary, however, remains strongest favourite for the position. Sir Archibald Sinclair was also suggested, but he does not wish to give up his present job as Air Minister.

Lord Halifax's appointment would be followed by Cabinet changes. Mr. Anthony Eden has been mentioned as his possible successor at the Foreign Office, with a special place in the War Cabinet for Mr. Lloyd George.

Albanian Air Battles GREEKS TAKE KEY HEIGHTS

WITH A RETURN OF BETTER WEATHER THE GREEK BATTLEFRONT IS LIVENING UP. TODAY CAME NEWS OF A SERIES OF AIR FIGHTS AGAINST ITALIAN BOMBERS, A SUCCESSFUL RAID BY THE R.A.F. ON ITALIAN PORT OF BRINDISI AND A GREEK ADVANCE NEAR THE KEY-TOWN OF TEPELINI.

The town of Tepelini has already been abandoned by the Italian, but for several days they have held heights near by which command the approaches.

In a violent attack by Greek troops today, two of these heights and two villages were captured.

A colonel and two Italian battalions were surrounded and taken prisoner, with guns and war material.

Italian planes vainly tried to stem the Greek advance by low-bombing. They were attacked by Greek fighters and driven off.

Another formation of enemy bombers in the same area were intercepted by British Gladiator fighters, says an RAF communique.

One bomber is believed to have been shot down. One of our pilots bailed out when his plane caught fire.

Other RAF planes attacked Berati in Central Albania, dropping bombs close to a road junction and on an aerodrome.

In the Brindisi raid oil tanks and railways were attacked. All the bombs exploded in the target area and there followed larger fires and several explosions.

Greek destroyers have been on reconnaissance in the Adriatic without finding trace of the enemy, though the Italians claimed that their warships shelled the Ionian (western Greek) coast.—Exchange and Reuter.

STALIN IS 61

Moscow, Saturday.
Josef Stalin is sixty-one today, but there are no official celebrations, and no mention of the birthday in the Press.—Exchange.

RAF Come Down To 100 Feet To Bomb Berlin

BRITISH BOMBERS, ON THE LONGEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR, FLEW AS LOW AS A HUNDRED FEET OVER BERLIN IN THE LATEST BIG RAID; AND THE LAST RAIDER DIDN'T LEAVE THE CITY UNTIL SIX O'CLOCK YESTERDAY MORNING.

The following thrilling account of the attack was given by the Air Ministry News Service last night:—

"On the longest night of the year, when Berlin was covered in snow, our heavy bombers were over the city both early and late."

"The attack was remarkable for the audacity with which some of our bombers came right over the house tops, sometimes flying at little more than a hundred feet."

"During such low-level attacks it was easy to see what damage had been done, and there is a vivid report from an aircraft which roared over a main railway station at just below 1,000 ft."

"One pilot saw a bomb burst in the very centre of the station. His rear gunner looked back to see debris still flying in the air."

SAW GERMANS FALL

"The pilot then put his machine still lower and swooped down on a group of searchlights and a battery of guns. Both front and rear gunners fired hundreds of rounds at point-blank range, and in the brilliant moonlight they saw the searchlight and anti-aircraft crews stagger and fall."

"The weather seems to have steadily improved during the night. Soon after ten o'clock some pilots found the weather 'fairly good,' while others had their work made more difficult by ground haze. But at five o'clock in the morning there was no cloud, the moon shone brightly and the visibility could not have been better."

The chief objectives of the night were factories, goods yards and railway stations in Berlin.

Early in the night an aircraft factory was attacked. Fires lit by the first bomber guided its successors, and a satisfactory series of fires and subsequent explosions was made by the pilots who came in over this target during a period of well over an hour.

In order to attack this factory it was necessary to penetrate a particularly heavy barrage of A.A. fire. A burst came just below one aircraft, and hit it with 'a deuce of a smack.'

"As the captain put it, 'the last bombs were still on, shrapnel was bursting around, and the target was now at its most vulnerable.'"
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Italian Army Trapped

BRITISH PIERCE BARDIA DEFENCES

BRITISH FORCES ARE PREPARING FOR A TERRIFIC ONSLAUGHT ON BARDIA, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST REPORTS FROM THE WESTERN DESERT. MECHANISED UNITS HAVE ALREADY BEEN THRUSTING INTO THE OUTER PERIMETER OF ITALIAN DEFENCES ROUND THE PORT.

Reports from the British outposts facing Bardia indicate that General Bertl himself and part of the Tenth Army are encircled within the village.

It was believed that General Bertl had moved his headquarters to Tobruk a week ago.

Yesterday's Italian communique referred to "artillery activity in the Libyan frontier zone." But British G.H.Q. at Cairo announced:

"While enemy troops holding the Bardia defences are being harassed by artillery fire, our forces, which continue to be reinforced, are clearing the areas to the north-west and west."

"An additional 900 Italian prisoners with four guns have been captured."

DODECANESE RAID

Admiralty communique: Following received from Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean: "Fleet Air Arm aircraft attacked Rhodes, Staphia and Scarpanto (Dodecanese) on morning of December 17."

"Weather conditions made observations of results difficult, but fires seen to have been started."

"All our aircraft returned safely."

In 12 days' operations supporting the British Army in the Western Desert, the RAF accounted for 144 Italian aircraft. Of these 88 were definitely destroyed in the air and 56 on the ground or captured.

RAF losses were 13 machines with five pilots saved.

NO CHRISTMAS RAIDS "IF RAF DON'T," NAZIS SAY

Stockholm, Saturday.

"We do not fly at Christmas if the British don't fly," was the reply given by "a man close to Hitler" when the Berlin correspondent of "Tidningen" asked about Christmas air raids.

The correspondent of "Dagbladet" declares that the general opinion is that Christmas will be peaceful, though there is no factual basis for this hope.

Berliners were confined to their shelters all last night, and left them only to go to work this morning, states a Berlin despatch to the newspaper "Aftonbladet."

Many RAF machines were over the German capital, and anti-aircraft fire was heavy all night long.—Reuter.

THE KING: CHRISTMAS BROADCAST

THE KING is to broadcast to the nation and Empire at 3 p.m. on Christmas Day. This will be His Majesty's third Christmas message to his peoples, and his decision to broadcast at this difficult time will be widely welcomed.

Since the practice was started by his father, King George V, the Royal radio speech has been the most popular feature of the Christmas wireless programmes.

GERMAN SHIP BOMBED TO BITS

BITS and pieces of a 5,000-ton German supply ship were flung high in the air when a Blenheim aircraft bombed it in Boulogne Harbour.

The vessel was in the outer anchorage close to a large sunken ship showing only two masts above water. The Air Ministry announced last night. The Blenheim pilot attacked through heavy ground fire, but one salvo of four bombs struck the supply vessel amidships.

As the Blenheim climbed away sharply to avoid the anti-aircraft barrage, the ship was enveloped from end to end in dense smoke, through which all

that could be seen was a funnel top and the wreckage flying skywards.

Further along the coast another RAF plane, noticing certain military activity at Cap Gris Nez, dropped a stick of bombs.

The plane's crew reported that a large building "completely disintegrated" and pieces of masonry were flung above and behind the aircraft.

CASH CROSSWORDS,
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THIS year, for all sorts of reasons, the question is more difficult than ever to answer to everyone's satisfaction. There is, however, one sure way of making certain that your friend receives a gift that is exactly right. That way is to let your friend choose the gift. This is all you have to do. Call at ANY branch of Boots the Chemists and ask to see a BOOTS GIFT TOKEN. These are charming greeting cards in which are fixed token-stamps of various values. You simply write your message on the card and post it to your friend. He or she then takes it to ANY Boots branch and selects the present they want to the value shown on the token. No fuss, no bother for either giver or recipient. Your friend is sure to find the sort of present that is useful, charming and a lasting reminder of your kind thought. There is always something "exactly right" at BOOTS.

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Blackpool, November 7th, 1940.

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Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) H. A.

HOME GUARD GUARDS HEALTH

Knarborough, Yorks. Nov. 14th, 1940.

Dear Sirs,—I am a Home Guard, and have taken Yeast-Vite any time I felt not quite up to concert pitch, and would like to say how they soon put me right. In my opinion they are a fine pick-me-up. If you would be kind enough to send me a few samples, I will distribute them amongst my section of Home Guards, and I know they will soon be telling me how well they feel.

(Sgd.) Mr. B. M.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE'S PRAISE

Australian Force, Headquarters, England, Nov. 17th, 1940.

Dear Sirs,—I have much pleasure in sending these few lines to you for the wonderful way in which Yeast-Vite tablets have given me more life and energy than I have expected for the work I am on is a job which takes a lot of running and continuous moving. So I assure you I will never be short of them. Please accept my appreciation.

Yours truly, (Sgd.) B. T.

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Chlblains are going to be worse than ever in this air-raid winter—if you let them.

So take a tip from those who know. Stop that maddening irritation the moment it starts. Radox that painful swelling as soon as it shows itself.

This is all you need do. Add Radox to a basin of warm water. Soak the affected parts for a few minutes every day. Radox releases millions of tiny oxygen bubbles in water. This relieves chilblains by stimulating the circulation at the affected parts. In a matter of minutes that swelling goes down and redness disappears. Irritation ceases.

Remember the name, Radox. Ask your chemist for a 10 oz. pink packet, 1/6d. Double quantity, 2/6d. (Subject to Purchase Tax)

RADOX 1/6d. Packet (Subject to Purchase Tax)

CADBURY'S REGRET they have not yet been able to despatch all the Bournville Cocoa gifts. All applications received before the scheme closed are being dealt with as supplies are received, and we should like those who are still waiting for their gifts to know that we are making every effort to send these at the earliest opportunity.

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BOURNVILLE COCOA

WISH you all a faithful Christmas. . . The customary greetings would sound, and read, ironical this week.

Countless thousands will spend both Christmas Eve and the night of Christmas Day in shelters, crowded to overflowing, and innumerable others in smaller refuges in the garden.

"Hail, the Heaven-born Prince of Peace," seem unfitting words to sing when half the world is at war, and Misery stalks like a spectre across Poland, Belgium, Holland and vast tracks of France.

Many women, expecting children would think even a manger a paradise. Millions will have nowhere to rest their heads. . . There will be merry-makings in the camps, of course, and homes will be lit for a few hours by smiling faces.

But, soon, darkness will come and with it the fear of the Blitz, and so hundreds of thousands will go underground again, hoping for another night of safety from bombs and fire. There, they will sing the old-time

AS SEES IT

... Australian cavalry charged with drawn sabres in the Western Desert

"Pack Up Your Troubles." The echo of another war. But that will be only the ghost of Christmas. As I used to be. Yet, despite it all, Hope dies hard in the human breast. I have been asked to a Nativity Play, which is to be acted by foreign-born refugees — "Non-Aryan Christians" — in an air-raid shelter, the crypt of a Bermondsey church.

Let us, if we can do nothing else, observe a faithful Christmas, one faithful to the ideals and the aspirations for which we are fighting—the desire to establish, when the conflict ceases, a permanent peace amid which a real brotherhood of the nations can be established.

This means not Waste but Thrift, and after one day of relaxation, greater exertions and an even nobler stalwartness, so that the means of Victory are soon in the hands of our forces.

It means, too, a high degree of cheerfulness, unflinching faith in our cause, boundless confidence in our purpose.

There are dark days ahead; but already the clouds are pierced, every now and then, by flashes of brightness that, before many months have passed, will become a blazing glory.

We must be patient and stricken. But, always remember, we have been given a nobler task than was ever put into the hands of any people or any race. So far, appalling as were the difficulties, we have not faltered. Nor shall we.

War Aims Are To Be Printed!

AT last, I can reveal, we are to be told where it is all to lead! For months many have been asking: "What are our war aims? What is to be the basis of peace?" "Victory is our aim," the Government has replied—and left it at that. There are too many to be consulted for war aims to be written down.

But the clamour went on. Meanwhile, the difficulties became worse when, rightly or wrongly—that I will not now argue—began playing a strange game over France.

While backing de Gaulle, we parleyed with the Vichy Government, which had called him a traitor!

We played about with Spain just as, for months, we tried to placate Mussolini. While declaring we were fighting for democracy, we blew hot and cold on three kinds of Fascism.

War aims and diplomacy were going different ways.

Still, the cry for a decision went up. And still the Government dodged it.

Last week, it was decided to publish our war aims, to draw them up during the recess which began last Thursday, and to publish them, in the form of a White Paper, before Parliament re-assembles next month.

I cannot even hazard a rough guess at the contents of the document, for it is not yet written. But Freedom for all free peoples? Will no doubt be its note.

The freeing of the enslaved nations by war and bloodshed will have to precede the methods by which that freedom can be ensured a permanence.

Even so, the decision to write down war aims, one wrong from the Government, is all-important—for, otherwise, how can men like Pétain and Le Brun decide, when they get a chance, on which side they are to line themselves?

And they are being forced to a decision!

Italians Smashed In The Desert

ANYWAY, we approach Christmas with a feeling of thankfulness that we have achieved our first great military conquest of the war.

Sidi-Barrani is more than a victory of immense strategic import. It is a portent. It is a proof that the new armies we built up so hastily after our evacuation of Dunkirk, where priceless stores of guns and ammunition were lost, are far better than we dared to hope.

In one of the most amazing battles in history, we far exceeded our greatest expectations.

For the first time in the history of warfare, warships, aeroplanes

You Will Agree Here's A New Role For Roosevelt

AGRIPPA, ROMAN CONSUL, WAS CHOSEN BY THE SENATE TO APPEASE A DANGEROUS REVOLT. THE REBELS REFUSED TO PAY CERTAIN TAXES, BUT HE CONVINCED THEM BY THE FOLLOWING FABLE:—

"My friends," he said, "it happened that Members of the Human Body took exception to the behaviour of the Stomach.

"Consequently, they resolved to grant him none of the normal supplies which went that way.

"First, the Tongue voiced their different grievances.

"After praising the diligence of the Hands and Feet, he considered it folly to squander the fruits of their labours upon a fat Paunch, which never did anything towards helping himself.

"This speech was received with great applause by all the Members, and at once the Hands declared they would work no more.

"The Feet also decided not to carry any further the load of intestines with which they had previously been burdened.

"Even the Teeth refused to masticate a single morsel for his use.

"Gradually, as supplies were thus cut off, the health of the Stomach grew worse and worse.

"At last, in his distress, he begged them to consider wisely, and to end the dispute for the good of all.

"There is not one of you, he said, who can be unaware that whatever you bestow upon me is converted to the general welfare.

"In due course, they took heed of his pleadings, and these discontented Members of the Body were persuaded.

"They returned to their proper functions of supply. And thenceforth the health of the entire Constitution went on from strength to strength."

Now it is clear to ANYONE, WHO CARES TO OBSERVE, THAT THE SYSTEM OF WORLD DEMOCRACY, TOO, IS NOT IN THE FULL-BLOODED UNISON ONE WOULD LIKE TO SEE.

For a long time now, it has been assailed by Nazi germs seeking weaknesses into which they might force entrance.

Already, these germs have infiltrated themselves into formerly healthy democratic organs, where paralysis of nerve centres has followed swiftly and completely.

And how have the surviving Members met the danger? Not, I regret, in full accord. Like Agrippa's Feet and Hands of his fable, some have even gone the length of refusing all support.

A few are loyal and energetic. But others are determined to feed nothing into the Democratic Stomach and so reinforce the Democratic powers of resistance.

TAKE THE CASE OF EIRE. HERE IS A SECTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC ENSEMBLE WEAKENED BY INHERITANCE OF OLD SCORES AND GRUDGES.

Eire sulks because of its long ago, and also of the not so long ago.

No one can call these the ills of Christianity, for Christianity has no ill. It has, instead, the blessings of wisdom and of co-operation armed against evil.

So Eire refuses aid to Democracy, on which her existence depends.

THEN THERE IS RUSSIA. AGAIN IS: "TO CONDEMN OR NOT TO CONDEMN?" NOW, THE KEEN OBSERVER WILL PERCEIVE AGRIPPA DEALT OUT BLAME TO NONE OF THE BODILY PARTS.

He did not clarify whose was the original fault—the Stomach's or the Members'.

Similarly, whether Russia foully deserted Democracy, or if a well-fed Democratic Stomach was vile to Russia is equally obscure.

And yet some of us, because we do not like the Roman Catholic Church, are actually willing to divert from places where they will do the most harm, much-needed bombs to destroy a city, the bombing of which might turn against us millions of Italians who, before long, would otherwise be on our side!

The war, I said, had seemed to have discovered a master strategy in General Wavell. It certainly has discovered one genius, "Portal of the Bombers," to whom great power has now been given.

Who are narrow-minded people that they should dare, because of religious intolerance, to criticize the workings of an R.A.F. which is one of the miracles of all time?

No, observing "a faithful Christmas" means, among other things being tolerant.

Only disruption is born of hatred.

Still Want To See Rome Bombed

I AM distressed, not because they are attacks on me, for to those I am well accustomed, by letters which have followed my arguments that it is much better to bomb Italian dockyards and ports and military strength than to send aeroplanes to Rome.

You see, the letters fall into two categories. Those that support me come from Catholics, who applaud my "broadmindedness." Those from Protestants accuse me of being, for instance, "a watchdog for Rome," to quote one man's phrase.

Now, here we are talking of a new world, and yet, at the same time, and in a week when we are celebrating the birth of the Prince of Peace, different kinds of Christians still dislike each other just as much as they dislike the Nazis.

A new world can only be built when we have decided to find points of contact and to ignore points of difference, and to work together for the sharing of the world's bounty, and to reorganise, so that Order takes the place of Chaos.

We shall get not the kind of world we want, but the kind of world we deserve.

Here we are, despite all our faults—and we have many—a people who have dedicated them-

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NO SMOKING

by Order

Beating the clock—tired but not finished—smoking forbidden! That's when the various real-fruit flavours in Rowntree's Fruit Clear Gums will refresh and soothe you. They help the job along!

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BOOKIES TAKE A KNOCK! ONE HAS £80,000 OWING HIM

THAT OLD NOTION OF THE BOOKMAKER AS A MAN WHO HAS A WARDROBE FULL OF THIRTY-GUINEA SUITS, DINES AND WINES LIKE AN EMPEROR, AND DRINKS NOTHING BUT CHAMPAGNE, HAS BEEN BLOWN SKY-HIGH BY THE WAR.

Nowadays, bookies are among the hardest hit. Many who in the days of prosperity had fat bank balances are now verging on bankruptcy! Restriction of racing to one day per week has helped to rob the bookmaker of his living. Cases are known of commission agents, whose firms have for years been famous among sporting men and women, being reduced to a position of serious financial difficulty.

One leading bookmaker whose activities have for years been country-wide and whose reputation for straight dealing brought him clients from all ranks and classes now finds himself with betting debts owing to him amounting to £80,000—and little likelihood of his being paid in the immediate future.

"PAPER" RICHES

Another famous turf accountant finished the "normal" racing season, before racing was so heavily restricted, with nearly £80,000 owing to him. "The reason for this nasty state of affairs," an authority told "The People" yesterday, "is that the big professional gamblers, the men who make their living at the game, were caught short when racing was suddenly so drastically cut down. Men who occasionally opened with a spell of heavy losses, but who invariably relied on Friday as 'getting-out' day, found it impossible to recoup their losses with one day's racing."

"There have been other factors contributing to the bookmakers' losses, but this is the chief one." "I've got riches on paper—but when, if ever, I'll get the cash, Providence only knows," said one bookmaker.

"And despite the fact that I've always paid out on the biggest bets, I find that it's impossible to get any of my own substantial winnings, now."

U.S. TOYS FOR RAID KIDS

New York, Saturday. Christmas gifts for children in raid-stricken centres of Britain prepared by the Junior Red Cross of the United States will total 30,000 parcels, it is announced by Mr. James Nicholson, national director of the J.R.C.—B.U.P.

WHY YOU HAVE TO WAIT

Special to "The People"
SEVERAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ARE SHORT OF SHORTHAND TYPISTS, AND WORK IS BEING HELD UP IN CONSEQUENCE.

This is one of the reasons why members of the public have to wait three weeks or a month for replies to letters.

The shortage of typists is due to the fact that the Government is trying to get these temporary girls to work at wages much lower than those paid by outside employers.

Consequently they are going to private employers. In addition to the low wages, they realise they are likely to be dismissed when the War is over.

Parliament is to discuss this shortage, and two M.P.s are to suggest that the wages should be increased.

Labour Exchanges are approaching secondary school headmistresses with offers of jobs for senior pupils, but without much success.

CROOK GETS KISS, THEN BULLETS

New York, Saturday. KISS betrayed Murray Fershing, of New York. It was a signal to three detectives after Fershing had stolen a diamond ring from Miss Mori, part owner of a confectioner's shop and winner of a beauty contest in St. Louis in 1927.

Miss Mori arranged to meet Fershing, and told the police. When he arrived he went directly to Miss Mori. She kissed him, and the detectives knew their man. Fershing pulled his own gun and fired.

The detectives also fired, and all their bullets hit Fershing. He was forty, ex-convict.—B.U.P.

A DINNER FOR A DINNER



Herbert's Home Fires Order

Special to "The People"

HERBERT MORRISON, Home Secretary, is drawing up a circular which will be sent to all local authorities in the next few days.

It will instruct them that timber salvaged from bombed houses—if it is unsuitable for the construction of bunks—is to be given to the neighbouring residents for firewood.

Mr. Morrison has given this advance information to certain M.P.s who have been complaining to him that members of the Pioneer Corps are burning in the streets all the unusable wood they salvage, while the people living in the district are so short of coal that they cannot have fires in their houses.

New Export Drive JEWELS TO BUY GUNS!

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH WEDDING RINGS, ENGAGEMENT RINGS AND OTHER FORMS OF JEWELLERY ARE TO HELP US TO BUY FROM OVERSEAS THE MUNITIONS AND FOOD WE NEED.

British women and girls, however, are not asked to give up their love tokens. That was done in Italy and Germany, but it is not necessary here.

Our scheme is simpler. The British jewellery industry, under arrangements made in co-operation with the Board of Trade, is organising a big drive in the export markets.

CAMPAIGNS OPEN

Special selling campaigns are being arranged in all the neutral countries of the world—including the U.S.A. and the South American republics—and the foreign currency that is obtained through the sale of the British rings and jewels will be available to the Government for financing its overseas purchases of war material.

Special sales literature in French, Spanish and other foreign

languages is being distributed, giving illustrations of the things that Britain can provide.

They include: Wedding rings, engagement rings, ear rings, brooches, studs and tie pins and cuff links, cigarette cases, watch chains and wristlets, clocks and watches, jewelled neckties, silver sports cups, silver table ware, powder bowls and silvered brush sets, cut diamonds and other precious stones.

The orders which Britain expects to obtain for these goods run into millions of pounds and to that extent our supplies of foreign currency—needed for urgent war purchases—will be augmented.

New Help For The Homeless Women To The Rescue

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

WOMEN ARE TO PLAY A MUCH BIGGER PART THAN HITHERTO IN CARING FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES BOMBED OUT OF THEIR HOUSES.

A more sympathetic touch is to be introduced into the administration.

The War Cabinet is now considering a proposal by Women M.P.s, that each of the thirteen Regional Commissioners in the country should have a Senior Woman Adviser attached to his permanent staff.

This proposal is likely to be adopted.

Meanwhile, Mr. Willink, the Special Commissioner for the Homeless in the London Area, has appointed thirty-eight experienced women social welfare workers to see that all the homeless women and children in London are dealt with sympathetically, and helped to obtain the various forms of public assistance to which they are entitled.

These thirty-eight women are

being posted out to metropolitan boroughs, and when a raid occurs in the area to which they are attached, they will go to the bombed streets, take the women and children under their wing, and arrange for them to be:—

- 1.—Provided with new homes in the district, or evacuated to the country.
- 2.—Given immediate compensation to cover the cost of new clothing and necessities.
- 3.—Reunited where possible with members of their families who may be reported missing.
- 4.—Provided with hot meals and temporary shelter for the night until their new homes are available.
- 5.—Provided with a regular weekly income from the Assistance Board till their emergency is over.
- 6.—Issued with new old age pension, etc., books if their own have been destroyed.

In the past, much avoidable hardship has been caused because the bombed-out people, already suffering severe nervous strain, have had to walk round from one office to another, filling up forms, and often failing to get help because they did not understand what to do.

MEETING EVACUEES

Big provincial towns, which may come under the Blitz, are being urged to appoint women for similar duties.

And county councils, to which evacuees from the towns are being sent, are similarly appointing women social welfare workers, to look after the interests of the women and children when they arrive in their new country homes.

Somerset County Council, which is appointing a big team of these welfare workers, explains that their duties will include: Meeting the evacuees on their arrival in the country; seeing that their billets are comfortable; arranging for them to be provided with ration books or emergency food supplies; arranging that they are all properly clothed and shod; finding schools for the children; and clinics for mothers and babies; arranging for medical treatment for any who need it; and ensuring a regular weekly income where it is needed.

Don't say you're still boiling clothes!

The new no-boil method is quicker, cheaper, easier, and makes "Black Monday" pass like a flash

WHAT'S your plan on wash-days? Do you get up earlier in preparation for a long, gruelling day? Do you get the fire going under the copper ready to give your whites the boiling of their lives?

Oh, madam, you are behind the times!

To boil clothes these days is as old-fashioned as red-flannel underwear. Boiling has been proved absolutely unnecessary—even for the dirtiest whites.

And just think what you save besides First of all, there's the time. It has been proved you can get an average family wash of 50 pieces done 11 hours sooner than you could with the old boiling method. Then there's the fuel saving—a big item these days. It's proved you can save half the coal or three-quarters of the gas you normally use. And then you save the clothes themselves because boiling and hard rubbing are responsible for a lot of wear and tear.

Very careful tests made over a period of time show that household linen lasts 6 to 8 months longer, and shirts last 4 months longer, when they're washed the Rinso no-boil way.

Time for Leisure

Why don't you try it next wash-day? You have nothing to lose and so much to gain. And think how marvellous it would be to get all the washing done early on Mondays, so that you've time and energy for other things in the afternoon. Actually, too, you'll find plenty of uses for the money you save on fuel every wash-day!

Rinso costs 3jd., 6d., and giant size 1/-, and remember, you don't need to use anything else with it.

Believe it or Not

You may not believe this. Lots of women didn't. But they thought they might as well experiment and tried out the no-boil method. Now they declare they'll never again waste time and fuel and labour boiling their clothes.

To do the wash by this new modern way, you sort out the less dirty of the whites and you let them soak in warm Rinso suds for 15 minutes with the heat on. That's all. You don't need to do any hard rubbing—they come snowy clean without.

Soaking Does It

Then you take the very dirty whites and smooth a little dry Rinso on to the grubbier places such as collar-bands and cuffs, and you let them soak for 20 minutes in the same suds.

When they're rinsed and on the line you'll swear your whites have never looked cleaner or whiter. And at the same time you'll never have felt so full of pep yourself. It's the

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ARMY WAY TO MEND MARRIAGES

BY OUR MILITARY CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS OF SOLDIERS AND THEIR WIVES, WHO A FEW MONTHS OR A FEW YEARS AGO WERE SQUABBLING, OR HAD PARTED, WILL SPEND EACH OTHER CHRISTMAS CARDS, PRESENTS, AND WILL BE ON AS GOOD TERMS AS THEY WERE ON THE DAY THEY WERE MARRIED.

This is one of the good things that the Army has done for them!

For whereas in the last war Army life led to many matrimonial disturbances and broken marriages, in this war the tables have been turned.

The balance this time is on the side of marriages that have been mended.

And the reason is that special officers—understanding family men, assisted by wise and sympathetic women—have been appointed by the War Office to do all they can to heal soldiers' personal troubles.

TALKS TO WIVES

There is a senior Welfare Officer attached to each command. He is usually a man who in civil life was a solicitor. He has a staff of junior officers, and a civilian staff of legal experts and welfare officials working in co-operation with him.

Some of these officers have already patched up a thousand troubled households each. Wives who were wayward or were neglecting their children have been talked to and impressed with the need to give a fair deal to husbands who are fighting to defend them.

Couples who were parted have been brought together again.

Separation orders have, by mutual consent, been cancelled, and arrangements have been made for the former separated wife to receive a voluntary weekly grant from her husband's Army pay, plus an official allowance from the Army.

Divorce proceedings in many cases have been withdrawn.

A GOOD EXAMPLE!

National Savings certificates will be given away as prizes at a Gravesend dance during the town's war weapons week.

£1,250 START FOR YOUR NEW YEAR!

START THE NEW YEAR WELL BY MAKING ONE SUNBREAKABLE RESOLVE—TO SCORE A BIG SUCCESS IN "THE PEOPLE" CROSSWORDS!

Today we have pleasure in announcing a great New Year prize offer of £1,250. Why not begin planning ahead now, by entering right away for this grand double-week contest?

In addition to the Must-Be-Won prize money of £1,250, there are hamper of seasonal provisions for First Runners-up.

It's right at the start of 1941 that a financial leg-up would be welcomed by most of us. There's no reason why "The People" Crossword should not provide it for you.

This week's issue of "The Competitor's World" contains advice from competitors who have already achieved First Prize success in this fairest of all competitions.

Why not read what they have to say—it might show you the way to the First Prize list?

Miniature squares in which to

CROSSWORD COMPETITION No. 224

AS Crossword Competition No. 224 did not close until yesterday the result and winning square will not be published until next Sunday.

retain copies of entries and eight additional entry squares are other features of the current issue of "The Competitor's World."

To obtain copies of the next six weekly issues send a 6d. postal order (payable to Odhams Press Ltd. and crossed /& Co.) to the Competition Department, 6, La Belle Sauvage, London, E.C.4.

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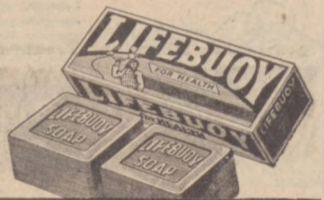
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"FIVE BOB" FLYER IS NOW A FIGHTING ACE!

A FIVE BOB JOY RIDE—ONCE ROUND A FIELD AND BACK AGAIN—THE SORT OF FLIP THAT TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE MADE "JUST FOR FUN" WHEN SIR ALAN COBHAM'S AIR CIRCUS WAS TOURING BRITAIN—WAS ERIC STANLEY LOCK'S INTRODUCTION TO FLYING.

HE DID NOT GO UP AGAIN UNTIL THE DAY HE SQUEEZED HIMSELF INTO THE COCKPIT OF AN R.A.F. DUAL-CONTROL PLANE TO BEGIN HIS TRAINING AS A PILOT.

To be perfectly honest his first flight left him unimpressed. He was not "air struck" as so many youngsters of his own age were. He went up for a lark and because the friends with whom he had gone to see Cobham's air show wanted to find out what it felt like to fly.

Lock thought it dull. A ride on a roller coaster at the fun fair was more thrilling. Yet, today, the young man who failed to get a kick out of his five-bob flip has made a name for himself as one of Britain's most daring fighter pilots. He has been awarded the D.F.C. and a bar, and a few days ago—the D.S.O. for his astonishing exploits in the last four months.

The eight-gun fighter he now flies is more than three times as fast as the noisy old biplane in which he made his first trip, but the fact remains, if it had not been for that rickety and ancient machine Goering would not have lost so many of his precious Junkers, Heinkels and Messerschmitts.

Eric Lock might have joined the Army or the Navy when war broke out. Instead, remembering his one and only flight, he decided to offer his services to the R.A.F.

"Have you been up yet?" they asked him. "Oh, yes," said Lock. "How many times?" "Only once," he told them. "For about five minutes. It cost me five bob." And he laughed.

Lock's wife and parents are not the only people proud of him. The boys of his old school, Prestfield, rate him Britain's No. 1 hero of the war. They were given a day's holiday by the headmaster when Lock was awarded his D.F.C.

It was given him by the way of the squadron when he saw the diminutive pilot making a dash for his plane across the air-field. He has short legs and looks even smaller in his bulky, fleecelined flying suit, but in the air a good "little un" is every bit as formidable as a good "big un"—a fact that "Sawn-Off" Lock has demonstrated beyond all dispute.

Already this pocket-size terror of the skies has shot down twenty-two enemy planes—fifteen of them within a period of nineteen days—and as soon as he has recovered from the effects of his last crash he will be back on the job again.

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Lock's score had now risen to fifteen, and it was steadily mounting from week to week. He had his narrowest escape a few weeks ago when his squadron went up to engage a formidable force of bombers that were trying to strike through our defences.

Lock, wishing no doubt that he had a pair of eyes in the back of his head, went straight into the thick of it, and as a bunch of Messerschmitts scattered he tackled himself on to one and gave chase.

R.A.F. pilots rarely waste ammunition. Short, close range bursts of machine-gun fire are the most deadly, and "Sawn-Off," true to tradition, held his fire until he was within twenty yards of the German.

One short burst at this point-blank range was sufficient. The Messerschmitt's nose dropped and it began its last descent.

Lock followed it down until he was satisfied that it was out of control, then he zoomed up into the battle again. This time he found a foe more worthy of him. The German pilot was fast and clever and he was ready to fight.

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Pocket-sized Pilot Who Married A Beauty Queen

pieces of fuselage and rudder blasted from the Heinkel as it keeled over and began fluttering down with black smoke trailing from it.

By the time Lock had pulled out of that terrific dive the other two raiders were mere pin points on the horizon, heading for their base as fast as they could go. Pursuit was out of the question in his short-range fighter, but as he watched them disappear Lock suddenly spotted a lone Henschel 126.

After tackling odds of three to one, even combat was child's play. The Henschel did not last two minutes. After a vain endeavour to escape, and a wild and hopelessly wide machine-gun burst, Lock got his gun sight on him. A three-seconds hail of fire sent hundreds of bullets ripping into the German machine, and almost as soon as the first of his victims had hit the water the second was following it down in flames.

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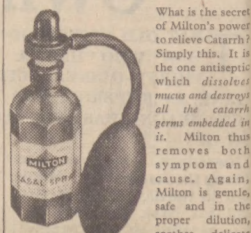
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(H. W., Yorks, Nov. 16th, 1940.)



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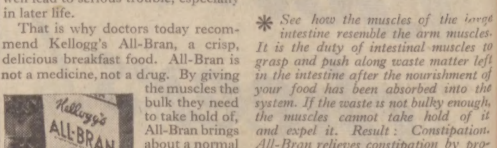


Why a FOOD can relieve CONSTIPATION

DO you suffer from constipation? Then, you will want to know what causes this wretched complaint. Ask your doctor and he will tell you that our diet today contains too little "bulk." Meat, fish, milk, white bread, potatoes—our staples—contain very little bulk indeed. They get almost completely absorbed into the system and the residue they leave in the intestines is not sufficient for the muscles to "take hold of." These muscles cease to work and you get constipated.

Don't pin your faith to purgatives. They can't get at the cause of the trouble, so the relief they give is only temporary. Besides, their action on the intestines is dangerous and may well lead to serious trouble, especially in later life.

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WHAT SAY YOU? Ten-Second Teasers

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- 2.—It's a breed of sheep which thrives in Spain; it has long fleecy wool. Name it.
- 3.—It's a part of a gun; it's a cylindrical type of vessel; it's the theme of an extremely popular song. Name it.
- 4.—It's a Mohammedan; it's a troublesome person, especially a boy; it's a word of four letters. Name it.
- 5.—It's a gay young fellow; it's a gallant; it's a beau; it's a word of five letters. Name it.
- 6.—It's a half-bottomed boat; it's a buoyant structure supported by a floating bridge; it's a kind of bridge. Name it.
- 7.—It's a kind of pepper; it's the capital of a French colony in South America. Name it.
- 8.—It's a kind of clock; it's a variety of jar; it's a form of light. Name it.
- 9.—It's a familiar Biblical term; it's a young unmarried woman; it's a female attendant. What is it?
- 10.—It's an upper room; it's immediately under the roof; it's a word of six letters. Name it.
- 11.—It's an open space of country; it's usually covered with shrubs and coarse herbage; it's a word of five letters. Name it.
- 12.—It's a fire on the hearth; it's a kind of nook. Name it.

(ANSWERS IN PAGE TEN)

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TWO men loom largely in the world outside Britain's shores. One is Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler, the other President Franklin D. Roosevelt. One is our curse; the other may well prove our salvation.

Christmastide approaches with these two men occupying a greater and greater part of our thoughts. Around Hitler grow ominous and sinister rumours; around Roosevelt lies high hope of the full aid to Britain of the mighty American industrial machine.

The President's plan to loan us arms is a stroke of genius. It is a Christmas gift not to us but to the civilisation which we and America are out to maintain.

Roosevelt's latest move dispels the last vestige of doubt that the troubles facing us were not fully realised in the United States. It is an act of statesmanship which will release to Britain, without financial worry or concern, a formidable array of planes, guns, tanks and munitions.

America has thrown us the life line. And in doing so she has accepted the simple fact that our battle is her battle; that the things we fight for are the things dear to her; that in our victory lies her future security; and that in our defeat is her social and economic ruin.

Roosevelt's masterly stroke could not have been made at a more opportune time. Nazi attacks on our shipping grow in intensity. And from various sources come reports of a fresh and staggering effort by Germany in preparation for a grand assault on Britain.

HITLER, the enigmatic overlord of a conquered continent, may be a fanatic. He may be crazy in the sense that no sane man would pursue ambition at the expense of the happiness of millions of innocent people.

But one thing Hitler is not—a fool. He has a certain genius for thoroughness. Ever since he took the world stage as a bloody conqueror he has laid the foundations for his knock-out blows long before he has struck.

Intense and well-nigh perfect organisation have always preceded the lightning stroke. Hitler concentrated on the building of mighty fleets of dive-bombers and heavy tanks before he overran Poland, Belgium, Holland and France.

Since those days he has been gathering fresh strength, perfecting new plans, all the time driving to the limit the production capacity of his factories and workshops.

The signs are ominous. Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, declares that Hitler will stake everything on a grand-scale invasion of Britain. Lord Beaverbrook, the dynamic and shrewd personality behind our growing aircraft production, repeats the warning. He says: "We must recognise that the enemy is making preparations for the invasion of Britain even before the spring-time comes—invasion by land and sea, but principally by air."

Mr. Churchill repeated the warning when he told the House of Commons that we were still a half-armed nation fighting a nation which, fully armed, had already passed the saturation point in its armaments.

The Prime Minister pointed out that Hitler had great need of doing something now, or soon, or, at any rate, in the next few months.

MR. CHURCHILL, thank heaven, is a realist. If he ever had any illusions about Nazidom—and I doubt it—he has none now. In the grimness of his voice, in the unflinching power of his leadership, in the confidence he has of final victory, the Premier never for a second wavers from the realisation that dark and stormy trials are ahead.

It is well that he reminds the nation and the world that Hitler may strike soon against us, his implacable enemy. It is well that we should not rest content; it is better that the leader of our cause does not pause in his task of keeping us vigilant and prepared for whatever move the Nazis may make against us.

Mr. Churchill had nothing much to offer the nation in the way of Christmas greetings—except that in the course of 1941 we, like the Germans, shall become a well-armed nation.

So once again we face the threat to our homes and our firesides. Make no mistake about it. The year ahead is the year of our fate.

In 1941 Hitler must conquer Britain or perish. He knows it. That is why he is treating the Italian reverses with such apparent unconcern. That is why all his efforts are directed towards creating what he hopes will be an irresistible invasion machine.

Hitler believes in suspense, in keeping the world guessing. For several nights Londoners sleep and the skies are free from the drone of raiding bombers.

"What's he up to now? What's he planning? Wonder where he'll strike next?" Those are the questions we all ask when there's a lull in the air blitz.

The threat of invasion provokes similar questions. When will he strike? How? Where?

Who knows? The diplomat in Whitehall knows no more than the dustman.

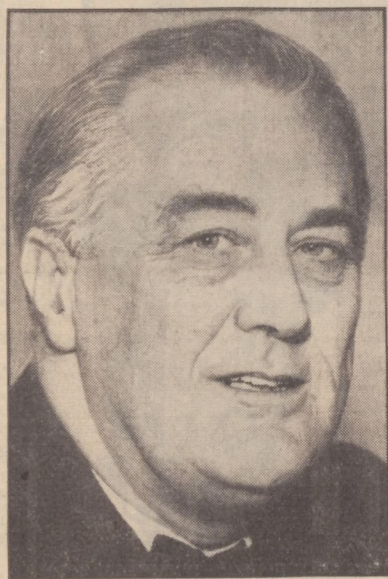
BUT this we do know—that Hitler has no monopoly of the power to plan. If he has surprises in store for us, we are justified in believing that our leaders have surprises in store for him.

We can plan—and plan well. We can strike—and strike with as much rapidity and audacity as ever was shown by the Nazis. Wavell's lightning drive through Egypt into Libya, the brilliant co-operation of our land, sea and air forces, are proof not only of the perfection of our arms, but of the brains behind the arms.

The way the Navy, despite its thin-flung line, continues to dominate the seas of the world, is further proof, if proof were needed, of the initiative Britain is showing.

Our big naval guns pound the way for desert advances by the Imperial Army. Our Fleet Air Arm raids Italian bases. Our battleships enter and dominate the Adriatic and pour nearly 100 tons of shells on Valona, vital supply port of the Italian forces in Southern Albania.

"Throughout the night," says the Admiralty



ROOSEVELT—"His loan-arms plan is a Christmas gift to civilisation."

communiqué, with a significance which cannot be disregarded, "no opposition from the enemy was encountered."

MUSSOLINI, the bull-frog of the Pontine marshes does not even defend his Empire against sea aggression. The Navy goes to it as it went to it when the Graf Spee scuttled herself before inferior gun power; as it went to it when the flords of Narvik were stormed; as it went to it when the Rawalpindi and the Jervis Bay sought death and glory in preference to escape and safety.

We know that the Navy is master of the seas; that in our fleet and in our sailors rests an incomparable tradition of bold and decisive action. We know that whatever happens the Navy will attack to the last ship, to the last turret. It is the Navy's job, and one they can tackle.

We also know that if Hitler is developing at breakneck speed the production of his factories we are doing the same.

Beaverbrook's message to the nation showed how the production of planes had been stepped up and was continuing to increase. He gave us good news, but he coupled his news with the exhortation to workers to "roll out the bombers."

The call was necessary. For months we have sat tight in this armed island of ours. One scheme for invasion was smashed by the pounding of

Thought for Today

NO STORM CAN SINK THE SHIP OF STATE IF ITS ANCHORS ARE FAITH AND COURAGE.

Hitler's bases on the other side of the Channel. And some people thought, because of that, that the threat of invasion had been finally dispelled.

The writer was not one of them. Hitler remains undisputed master of the Continent. Behind him is military might. And not until the spirit of that terrific army of his is broken shall we be able to claim the fruits of victory.

For that reason there can be no complacency, either in Whitehall or in the ranks of industry. Now, more than ever, is the need for vigilance and for still more effort.

Our losses at sea are serious, may grow more serious if Hitler launches, as he may well do, an all-or-nothing attack on our shipping.

Such an attack would be a preliminary to his attempt to gain command of the Channel. To

CIGARETTE PAPERS

"CHRISTMAS fun" says a holiday note, "is at its best in the family circle." The Old Jokes at Home.

"The average Nazi," says a writer, "has no use for any of the things that go with Christmas." Except that he's crackers.

TODAY'S GREETING
 To all our friends the Empire round
 Our greetings is the same,
 A wish that's fortified by faith,
 And victory is its name.

WISDOM WEEK BY WEEK
 We don't deserve a brave new world
 If we're not brave enough to clear up
 The old one.

LITTLE ALFIE ON "ONE BIG PARTY"
 Happy Xmas, all you "People people!" Here's to us all and to the way we're going to give Old Nazi a hiding. I like to think I'm drinking the health of the whole 3-odd million of you in Ma's very best hottest gingerest ginger wine. Ma's Xmas Party is the Party of the Season, and sometimes the Compliments of the Seasoning!

Well, we're all pretty happy, aren't we? I mean, there's none of the real Xmas stuff that this war is going to spoil for us. Maybe we ought to get a little less from patriotic motives for the sake of saving food. I think maybe that's an idea, but NOT on Xmas Day I mean. I doubt if a slice of turkey and a dollop of plum pud. wud keep till next Xmas, so what's the use? Anyhow, I reckon we shan't be short of much. In fact, it sounds a bit greedy if I rite down all the good

meet that attack escorts at sea and in the air must be strengthened. Intensified efforts of our shipyard workers and our aircraft makers will help to strengthen the defensive system of our shipping lanes.

Germany is said to be building new planes to smash our ships. Well, we too are building new planes. Our aircraft designers, our engineers, have already proved that models now operating are superior to those of Germany.

There is no reason to assume that we are lagging behind in the production of better fighters, more deadly bombers. It has been revealed that the Whirlwind fighter has joined our Spitfires, Hurricanes, Defiants.

Other planes, still on the secret list, are being turned out. Squadrons of highly-efficient long-range bombers are reaching us from U.S.A. Pilots in their thousands will soon be streaming across the Atlantic from Canada.

THESE are comforting facts. But they must not induce the feeling that we can sit pretty. Before Hitler receives his quietus we shall have to train every available pilot, turn out planes without stint, without thought for leisure or reward.

On our workers' shoulders rests the major part of the war effort. It is their job to supply the R.A.F., the Navy, the Army with every possible plane, ship, tank and gun, until the time when the full flow of American production is reaching us.

That is the testing time that is ahead. We have to hold out. We cannot relax; we dare not assume anything except that we are up against a relentless and marvellously equipped enemy.

Wavell's success in the Western Desert is heartening. So is the Greek thrust through Albania. So, too, is the supremacy of R.A.F. men and machines whenever and wherever they take to the air.

But your correspondent warns you not to let the news of these successes cloud the major issue. Our enemy in the past, now, and in the future is Adolf Hitler. The smashing of Italian resistance would scarcely impair his power to challenge the forces of Britain and the Empire.

Nothing must divert our thoughts from that one essential aim—the destruction of Hitler and of all the evils he personifies.

Hitler sees in us the one stumbling block to the fulfilment of his ambition—dictatorship of the Old World, and, eventually, economic control of the globe. His cunning, his strength, his resources are all directed on one unrelenting track—the end of Britain as a world Power and the break-up of the Empire.

ACCORDING to the armchair theorists, he is prepared to sacrifice the lives of half a million men if he can land a similar number on our shores. From sources patently propagandist come rumours of an air attack which will far outstrip in horror anything we have yet suffered.

The technique is familiar. Less familiar is the fact that Hitler seems in a tremendous hurry. Can it be that he has misgivings? Is it dawning on his power-crazed mind that the Empire is a bigger and tougher proposition than he once thought possible?

It would be senseless to seek answers to those questions. We have not the time to pursue theories. This is a war of facts—facts expressed in terms of production, of resources, of endurance.

We must pile up the facts against him; and we must drive them home so that an imperishable lesson may be taught all who would seek to impose evil ways of life on people, innocent and free.

In these days which in happier times would be devoted to thoughts of peace, of good will to all men, we must dwell on thoughts of hard, ruthless war. There is no place for softness, for stupidity, for personal greed, for self-pity.

Christmas, 1940, sees us ready to take the hard road. It sees us determined to hold the fort, in the knowledge that our friends across the sea are coming at last fully to our aid, and that out of bitterness and travail will come other Christmases of peace, of charity, of love and of freedom.

A Man of the People

By The Lounger

A ROYAL SONC
 Just as Christmas Day is the most beautiful day of the year, so the plum pudding is the monarch of all puddings. Every other pudding has to give him the best.

Some critics plump for apple pie, and some for Spotted Dick; There's joy in roly-poly. With the jam spread nice and thick, A trifle or a pink blancmange Might score another day. But at the thought of Christmas pud, They merely melt away.

Chorus: The pudding's known as plum; you can't be stern and grim. When there's such a joy to celebrate; As on its dish it comes along it is a heartening sight. There's nothing half so cheering as to see its flames alight. And, like our faith in victory, it's burning bright and bright! So give a smile and pass along your plate.

Milk puddings are so good for you, Or so you're told when young; And as for syrup roll, my lads, Its praise is often sung. When eating tarts or fresh mince-pies Some folk can never stop. But they don't have lighted brandy, With a Union Jack on top!

Chorus: The pudding's known as plum, so join the cheerful strain. And take your turn—you won't have long to wait. The monarch of the pudding world is right royally erect. The symbol of our Britain, that's so very hard to beat. It's friendly, firm and wholesome, and to the heart it's sweet! So give a smile and pass along your plate.

THE WORLD ON PARADE

Shrine Of Hope And Prayer

THERE is comfort in the thought that the star which guided the Magi nearly 2,000 years ago still shines over Bethlehem.

● The Church of the Nativity still stands—the Mecca of pilgrims and the symbol in these dark days of mankind's hope.

● Here during the next three weeks will be observed by the Latin, the Greek Orthodox and the Armenian Churches festivals of peace denied a Europe torn and bleeding by Nazi force.

● Thousands of worshippers will enter the crypt of the church and pray for our cause—the cause of religious tolerance, of freedom.

● They will kneel below that shining silver star on which are the words: "Here Jesus was born." And they will pray that the forces of evil will be overcome and that peace will return to men of good will.

DID YOU KNOW THAT—

ALTHOUGH December 21 is usually regarded as the shortest day, the earliest sunset are between December 8 and 16 but the dawn is later until the early days of January?

● The modern army requires 40,000 different types of articles before it can be said to be completely equipped, and as regards the British Army 20,000 of these are now being manufactured in India?

● It was not until two and a half years had elapsed after the signing of the Armistice that the North Sea was declared cleared of mines, and in 1919 there were more swept by minesweepers than during the whole of the war?

● A cat's whiskers help it to find its way in the dark because at the base of each whisker is a sensitive nerve responding to the slightest touch?

● Russia has successfully crossed the English pig with the wild boar?

Christmas!

CHRISTMAS! Though we shall not hold it in the usual care-free way—lights and spending, fun and laughter, Christmas bells in festive sway—we will keep it with a meaning deeper than we've known before, like a Holy Shining Standard raised above the World at War.

CHRISTMAS! It will glow among us like a Living Chain of Love, every link of Faith, Good Meaning, will be forged in Heaven above. Christ is with us, HE IS CHRISTMAS, therefore Christmastide will Live, Peace on earth He tried to teach us, Peace, which He Still Has to Give.

CHRISTMAS! How our hearts are lifted at the Love we all may share, let us all upon this Christmas sanctify it with this Prayer; that though we are grimly waging War for Things We Know are Right, Christ will in His Tender Mercy Touch the World and Give it Light.

So that it may See His Goodness, See the Star of Love again, so that WAR and its Disasters PASS, and ONLY PEACE REMAIN.—J. M.

Black-out

TRUST old Dame Nature always to go one better than man. London's black-out in the blitz is good, but it's not a patch on the famous Christmas joy of thirty-six years ago.

● For three days and nights a dense black curtain hung over the London area. The traffic dislocation and the hold-up in the normal life of the city were much greater than anything the Nazi blitz or the black-out has so far accomplished.

● Gas supplies gave out, and London streets were happy hunting grounds for thieves and pick-pockets.

Man's Boss

THE machine continues its steady progress. Man is constantly faced with the problem of jobs and output.

● Comparison of industrial output and man hours of work in years 1929 and 1939 shows that in the latter year the same output was obtained with only three quarters of the man hours worked in 1929.

POSER

OF three balls, A, B and C, one is red, one white and one blue. Can you name the colour of each ball by giving the correct answers to the following four questions, three of the answers being "Yes" and one "No"?

(1) Is A white? (3) Is B red?

(2) Is C white? (4) Is A blue?

Solution to last Sunday's poser:

Apply the formula, $\text{Sum} = \frac{a(a^2-1)}{6}$ in which $a = \frac{1}{2}$ (farthing), $\frac{1}{2} = 2$ (the doubler), $a = 32$, number of nails. Then $\text{Sum} = \frac{32(32^2-1)}{6} = \frac{32 \times 1023}{6} = 5472$ pence = £24,472 924 5s. 5d.

—THE LOOKER-ON.

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How To

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Just Like Lilies Of The Field

MAN: I AM NOT YOU CA WORKER—I AM FOREMAN!

Woman: I didn't! She hit me, and I just

Man: If other rocked the cradle as my wife—she had children—there was nothing wrong with

Wife: My husband an exception: I ch better than his mother

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15-INCH GUNS USED

FIRE GLOW LIGHTED THE HILLS

DARK BATTLESHIPS MOVING SILENTLY THROUGH THE MOONLIGHT; THEN—JAGGED SHEETS OF FLAME, THE DIN OF 15-INCH GUNS; A RED GLOW SPREADING OVER THE HILLS; A YOUNG VOICE SINGING "ONE NIGHT OF LOVE."

That is the picture of Britain's battle fleet as it battered Valona, Mussolini's chief base in Albania, on Thursday.

The story is sent by a special correspondent of the Associated Press. Here is his cable:

The heavy bombardment, designed to give support to the Greeks' increasing pressure on the Duce's battered legions, ripped wide a path of flaming destruction, paralysing the enemy war camp.

I was on board one of the battleships, saw the Fleet brave the dangers of thickly laid minefields and move like huge dark shadows in the moonlight through the Straits of Otranto along the Albanian coast.

In the early morning on Thursday, in shivering cold, I clambered up steel ladders from the battleship's wardroom to the after control tower.

Through narrow slits in the steel

tower I saw the long grey barrels of 15-in guns slowly rear their muzzles towards the sky from the giant turrets.

The Commander gave last-minute instructions over the speaking-tube, saying that the guns would open fire in ten minutes.

Those minutes ticked off like eternity. Looking across the barrels of the guns less than 15 ft away, poised for instant action, made me gird myself for the tremendous concussion I knew must come with the detonation of the first one-ton "brick."

"OPEN FIRE"
White and red lights flashed on the fire control indicator, designating the turrets opening the bombardment.

Then the signal: "Open fire." A bell lightly sounded: "Ding-dong-ding." I grasped a rung of the steel ladder leading to the control tower, took a deep breath and ducked below the slits.

A second later there was a terrific burst of fire. Sheets of yellow flame licked back from the muzzles of the guns and poured through the slits in the tower. Everything went black before my eyes.

Again the bell sounded. Again I ducked. Two guns fired almost simultaneously. A blinding flame and clouds of yellowish smoke swept into my face. A rapid succession of blasts made me feel for a moment as if my head hung by a thread.

EVERYTHING GOES

The guns of other units of the battle fleet roared, great flashes of fire wiping out everything within range of vision. Even the Albanian coast seemed to disappear in the burst of fire.

Swiftly scores of shells hurtled through the air, each carrying more than 2,000 lb of destruction. For 12 minutes we pumped shells into Valona in a Niagara-like stream. The roar of the guns reverberated for miles along the Albanian coast.

We were close enough inshore to see the lone light of Valona Harbour, yet the sleeping Italians were taken completely by surprise.

Our one-ton shells rumbled through the night with a noise strangely like a Tube train, exploding in Valona's naval yards, amid ships, warehouses, supply bases and military establishments, giving the Italians an unforgettable Christmas present.

Then came a voice over the battleship's tubes, unintelligible as that of a railway porter, but it meant "cease fire."

STAR SHELLS

The big guns were lowered. The crews manning the battleship's 6-inchers waited tensely for the Italian batteries to open fire, ready to fling back an answer in hot lead. The British warships, like huge black floating islands, moved slowly southward.

As the reddish glow of fires started at Valona crept over the snow-capped Albanian mountains, a youthful midshipman in the top control tower sang, "One Night of Love."

The battleship cruised southward safely through the Straits of Otranto into the Ionian Sea. Not even Italian bombers appeared to attempt an attack.



CABINET MAY BUY UP ALL TRANSPORT

BY OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

CABINET MINISTERS ARE DISCUSSING THE QUESTION OF NATIONALISING THE RAILWAYS.

The same scheme provides for nationalisation of road transport organisations and the canals.

A National Transport Board would be set up, with a number of Regional Transport Boards to supervise local administration.

Certain railway interests are willing to see nationalisation providing fair terms for the taking over can be reached.

Under the present agreement the railways are allowed to make a profit of £40,000,000 a year, and if this continues it will mean increases in railway fares and freights every six months.

ANOTHER RISE

There have already been two rises since war began, and early in the New Year the railway companies are preparing to ask for another.

And there will be nothing to prevent them getting it if they continue to operate under the existing agreement.

Moreover, there is much dissatisfaction in Government circles over muddles that have arisen, particularly the way coal is being prevented from reaching towns that need it urgently.

U.S. TO CONSTRUCT 31 NAVAL VESSELS

Washington, Saturday. COLONEL KNOX, U.S. Secretary of Navy, today announced contracts for the construction of thirty-one auxiliary naval vessels, costing approximately \$26,400,000, and expansion of shipyards estimated to cost \$1,650,000.—Exchange.

Where a turkey is sold drawn and trusted ready for cooking, without the offal, head and feet, the maximum prices are increased by 6d. per lb., calculated on the weight of the turkey, and the charge for plucking or de-feathering, drawing and trussing may also be made.

"Artificial" or "fictitious" transactions are banned, and it is forbidden "to make or demand any unreasonable charge."

MORE SHIPS!
Sydney, Saturday. Australia is speeding-up her ship-building. Mr. W. M. Hughes, Commonwealth Minister for the Navy, today said shipbuilding must become a great national industry.

Italy's agents are in touch with influential neutrals in Spain, U.S.A. and South America working for the establishment of a body of peace mediators. These anti-Fascists hope to be strong enough to overthrow the Mussolini regime if the British and Greek victories continue.

Nazi leaders, learning of these moves have ordered Mussolini to use the Gestapo to stamp out the wave of anti-Axis feeling now sweeping over Italy. First Gestapo reports, however, say that the job will be impossible unless British pressure in the Mediterranean can be relieved.

Gestapo also report that, irrespective of the war against Britain, new and more intense anti-German feeling is growing in Italy. This hatred is being fostered by Italian regular army officers, who have always hated and distrusted the Rome-Berlin alliance.

Simultaneously most significant slighting on Nazi-Fascist Air Force relations is the latest German order refusing the salute to Italian though the courtesy is extended to released Dutch, Belgian and French officers returning from German prison camps.

IN Belgium obstruction is being developed on a nation-wide scale. Flemings, Walloons and French-speaking Belgians have seen through the Nazi plan to play them off against each other, and have combined to frustrate the administration.

ALTOGETHER the internal situation in Holland and Belgium has caused the Nazi Gauleiters so much anxiety that they have asked to be relieved of their responsibilities unless Berlin modifies its policy of ruthless exploitation. They have reported, too, that mass risings are being planned in Germany receives any serious setback on the field.

NEW harsh Nazi restrictions in the use of soap and cooking fats reveal increasing shortages of whale oil. Stocks cannot be replenished owing to the inability of German whalers to get through the British blockade. Thanks to the British Navy, the world-famous Norwegian whaling fleet had already escaped and is working for Britain.

German Airman In Their Shelter

Wanted To Give Himself Up

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF A NAZI PILOT WALKED INTO YOUR SHELTER DURING AN AIR RAID? IMPOSSIBLE? BUT IT ACTUALLY HAPPENED IN A SOUTH LONDON DISTRICT RECENTLY.

Wives, Read This!

HUBBY IS "PERFECT SHOPPER"

"HUBBY" is getting full marks in the shops this Christmas. Inquiries show that a large percentage of the shoppers crowding the big stores are men whose families have been evacuated.

Armed with lists supplied by their wives, they are tackling the Christmas shopping on their own and, according to West End assistants, they are doing it extremely well.

"It is not easy for a man to enter a women's store to buy Christmas presents, and the lists supplied to some of these A.R.P. widowers by their womenfolk are very vague," said one young woman assistant.

"Still, with our help, they are managing very well, and we certainly give them full marks for courtesy."

At the counters they show far more patience than women, and are always ready to wait their turn to be served instead of pushing to the front, as so many women shoppers do.

"Sometimes they show too much patience, and are kept waiting longer than they need."

My advice to these men shoppers is to cultivate a little more of the fighting spirit."

NO NEED OF GERMANY, SAYS ROME

FOR THE FIRST TIME THE ROME RADIO YESTERDAY REFERRED TO THE QUESTION OF THE DESPATCH OF GERMAN TROOPS TO ITALY.

"The Italians know that if we ever stood in need of help the German people would not refuse to let us have all necessary assistance. Italy would act the same way whenever Germany stood in the need of help," it was declared.

"The present situation, however, does not call for any outside help. Italy is quite able to cope with her task in the Western Desert and on the Greek front."

CITIZENS, ALL!

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

CONVICTS and prisoners in British jails are now nearly all engaged on work of national importance.

Reports received from prison governors indicate that they are pleased to be able to help their country in this way.

Moreover, they are getting wages for the work they do, which varies from jail to jail, according to the nature of the workshops.

"The People's" Secret Service News

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Gibes At Nazis

DEATH THREAT TO DUTCH

DUTCHMEN IN HOLLAND WHO "INSULT THE FUHRER OR THE HONOUR OF THE GERMAN ARMY" RUN THE RISK OF DEATH.

This threat, according to authoritative Dutch circles in London, was made by the public prosecutor of the military court which regularly metes out severe punishment to Dutchmen convicted of such offences.

The usual penalty is from six to ten months' jail. This has not deterred the Dutch from expressing natural loathing of the Nazi occupiers.

The death penalty threat was made at the end of a trial in which two men and three women were convicted of having distributed a poem about the bombardment of Rotterdam.

The poem, which has been widely circulated throughout Holland, was a biting sarcastic answer to German propaganda about the "merciless attacks by the R.A.F. on Dutch civilians."

Demanding that the first accused should be jailed, the prosecutor stated: "After the occupation, the German Army has conducted itself in a fashion unique in history."—Reuter.

BIG ROUND-UP OF FRENCH COMMUNISTS

Vichy, Saturday. SUPPRESSION OF "the Communist menace" is still being "actively pursued," Havas Agency reports from Clermont Ferrand today.

About 35 Communists were arrested in Bourg-en-Bresse, in the Ain Department, for allegedly distributing Communist tracts.

In the Var, there has been 139 arrests and 68 sentences passed on Communists since the beginning of the year. The agency adds that 221 house searches were made, and 145 orders for internment were made out.—Reuter.

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1. I am secretary to the Managing Director of a big firm that evacuated to the country when the Blitz began. "Wonderful! Now for some peace and quiet," I thought.



2. Peace and quiet! The first week, the old banister howled thirty-eight times, mostly at night. Up we'd have to get and trapeze off to the shelter and sit around till the All-Clear.



3. After a bit we stayed in bed unless we heard something happening. That's when I began to feel terrible. I must have had one ear open for the siren even in my sleep.



4. My nerves went to pieces. So did my work. One morning, I took a long memorandum in shorthand and couldn't read it back. I'll never forget it. I actually cried in the office!



5. It was then that one of the older girls told me about the three sleep groups. "You'll never keep going unless you get 1st Group Sleep," she said, and she advised me to take Horlicks.



6. She seemed so sensible, I took her advice. That night and ever since I've had a lovely cup of hot Horlicks. What a difference in the way I feel when I wake up—and all day long!

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Cowboy Dick of Roaring Gulch—Episode 7

THE SHOT BY THE CANYON

DICK crept along by the side of a ranch house and slid noiselessly to the stairs. He did not want anyone to see him if he could possibly help it, because now he had a secret to hide.

He was lucky! Without attracting any attention he managed to get back to his room. But he had only just clambered into bed when Mia Ryan's voice called to him: cheerily waking him up for a "real good breakfast—the way we do it out here."

For the next day or two Dick forgot his problems, because Pete and Tom took it in turns to take him out riding. Dick had been on a horse in far off days in England, but he was not a rider like the cowboys, and he wanted to learn to handle a horse the way they did, and to throw a lasso with their wonderful skill.

He learned quickly, and soon was riding long distances with one or the other of the boys. Then one day he asked Pete to take him out to Deepwater Canyon. Pete, who was just mounting his horse, looked at him in surprise.

"Say, what do you know about the Canyon, youngster?" he asked.

"Oh, nothing," said Dick, trying to sound as casual as possible. "I just heard one of the boys mention it was a nice place and I'd like to go that way. Can't we?"

Pete frowned and thought about it for a moment.

"Oh, sure," he said, shrugging. "Why not? Come on Kid, let's get going."

The two of them rode off at a trot together. They struck the trail to the Canyon and began to climb slowly upwards. Dick was too busy with his own thoughts to talk much, and only grunted when Pete made an occasional remark. But he watched the path they took carefully and noted every landmark.

In the stillness the hoofs of the horses thumped loudly and the saddles creaked—"like lots of mice," Dick said to Pete. "There were strange streaks of colour in the hilly country which Pete said were lava formations."

After a little while the hills narrowed, and Dick could see ahead of them only a small rocky pass. So close was this opening it seemed almost like an archway.

"There y'are, sonny," said Pete, pointing ahead. "Just through there and you come to the Canyon."

They trotted on through the narrow



Conducted by Eb' & Flo'

passage between the rocks. And there ahead of them they could see the canyon—a narrow gorge with deep, bubbling waters sweeping through. And beyond stretched a rich green plateau.

Between the two riders and the canyon was a stretch of amazingly tortuous and rocky country, difficult for the horses to manage, and full of high, craggy and rocky projections which almost obscured the canyon from view.

Dick was eager to explore. "Come on," he called to Pete, and began clattering ahead.

And he did so a loud, clear shout in rang out! (More next week.)

HAVE A BLACK-OUT CHRISTMAS PARTY!

WHY not have games to play in the dark at your party this year? There are lots of old favourites you can play in dark rooms—Sardines, Murders, Badger and Shadow games. Here's another you may not know. It's called...

KI-KRE-KI

One player is chosen as "he" and goes out of the room. All the others have to stay in the room and then try to escape without being caught when the "he" is called in. Black out! The room and furniture before you call in the "he". Each player takes it in turn to be "he" and whoever catches most players is winner.



MAKING THE BIRD GO ROUND

By Mrs. Everywoman

SMALL bird and a large family—that is what most of us will be trying to cope with on Wednesday. Here are a few ideas to help it do the round. To start with, don't let the family go full tilt at the bird without the edge being taken off their appetites.

As a child in Suffolk we always had a boiled pudding or dumplings with the gravy before the meat came to the table. Why not try it out this Christmas Day? Or if you don't feel like facing up to pudding first, try a plate of good thick vegetable soup, green pea, for instance, or tomato. A tin of tomato puree with stock will do the trick, with plenty of snippets of hot fried bread to make "ducks" with.

Now for the bird itself—turkey, chicken or goose. My advice is stuff it well. Fill it right up to the neck from the parson's nose with stuffing. You can have sausage meat or savoury rice. The latter is the easiest and cheapest.



Parboil some rice, mix with a little stock and some chopped up giblets or sausage, a pinch of herbs and a nut of dripping. Pack it well in the bird. Then whilst it is cooking, the steam from the rice will keep the flesh of the bird moist and the gravy will drop into the rice—lovely! Some people I know like the rice done this way better than the turkey.

Then you can have forcemeat balls made from parsley and thyme, like you have with hare, and fried with the sausages, two sorts of potatoes—mashed and roast—and plenty of good brown gravy. A dish of swedes and another of sprouts or cabbage and your Christmas dinner will be fit for a king.

I did want to have a word about the carving but space forbids, so I leave it to the housewife to see that the carving knife is sharp and there is no gravy in the dish for the bird to slip on! I know of nothing more aggravating to a carver. Happy Christmas to you all.

HOUSEHOLD ABC

ABOUT those etceteras we have to take extra care of now. Lemons, for example. You'll be able to buy a few, but they'll have to be used to the last drop of juice and the last scrap of peel.

CUT or grate the rind finely for flavouring. Warm in the oven for a few seconds before squeezing out the juice. Then there can be no waste.

DON'T despair if you have to cut the lemon in half. Keep the half you don't need in the moment covered under a glass jar. It will be quite fresh when you want to use it again.

EQUALLY important—onions. You can make half a large onion a long way if you chop it up well and distribute it evenly in the dish you have to flavour.

FACE the cut side of the other half downwards on a clean, cool saucer and cover it over with a clean earthenware or glass cover. Ready for use without loss of flavour next time.

MAKE up for shortage of eggs by using egg substitutes or dried eggs for cakes and puddings.

NEVER waste a drop of milk. Mixed with oatmeal juice the trimmings of the bottle or jug will make delicious creamy rice pudding.

PEEL potatoes thinly. You know the old saying, "The goodness is in the peel." If you scrub them well and serve them baked in their jackets, you'll get all the more nutriment.

RIBBONS in little bundles are good for the hair. If you scrub them well and the liquid kept for use, slip that otherwise you might feel inclined to scrap.

SOAP and soda are precious these days. Go light on them with the washing-up. If you clean all greasy dishes with old newspapers first you'll save on flakes and powder.

VEGETABLE and fruit peelings, when thoroughly washed, can be boiled and the liquid kept for stock. Excellent for soups and stews.

WISE housewives keep their meat and vegetable stocks separate and use them fresh.

"THE PEOPLE" PAPER PATTERN SERVICE

No. 596—PARTY FROCK

HERE'S a pretty frock for New Year parties. Make it in a bright, warm material. Back and front of skirt is gauged at sides. Neckline is trimmed with lace or piping.



A Curl for Christmas

WE don't mean to let the black-out give us the blues, so we're going to have all the colour and decoration we can manage for the party. A wise woman when she thinks of a party thinks how her hair will look.

Maybe we won't have time for a complete shampoo, wave or set at the hairdresser's, but we can have a good home do instead.

Lank, greasy hair needs gingering up. Wash with a good shampoo, and if you can run to a tone rinse, have one. Dry well, and give the roots a friction rub with a few drops of eau-de-Cologne before brushing thoroughly.

Study your profile in the mirror and do a rough setting before you finally decide to settle on a style. A few curls on top or at the sides will take years off your age.

Dry, brittle hair needs slightly different treatment. If there is time, the scalp can be massaged with olive oil the night before shampooing.

If this is not possible, choose an oil shampoo, and when you're putting in the setting pins give a touch of brilliantine to the ride of each wave.

Swede Time Recipes

FIVE-SHILLING prizes have been awarded for each of the following swede recipes—

MOCK PINEAPPLE

WASH and peel some swedes. Cut in thin slices and place on a large china serving dish. Sprinkle with sugar, cover over with another dish and leave for several hours until the sugar has drawn the juice out of the swedes. Drain off the juice and place some marmalade in the centre of each slice and decorate with an almond and serve as dessert. All the vitamins are retained and the syrupy slices are a delicious treat. Syrup left in the dish is an excellent remedy for coughs and sore throats. Jenkins, 6, Magdala-rd., Gloucester.

WEST INDIAN PUDDING

PEEL and boil 2 swedes and 2 large cooking apples until soft but unbroken. Remove cores from apples and chop finely. Mash up with fork and beat in 1 teaspoonful powdered cinnamon, 1 tablespoonful of suet, 1 tablespoonful of margarine. Well grease a pie dish, put mixture in, cover with fine coconut and bake in a moderate oven until golden brown—Miss M. Ross, 4, Page-rd., Stoke Newington, London, N.16.

SUSSEX PUDDING

FOR THE CRUST: 4 lb. wholemeal flour, 2 oz. margarine or lard, 1/2 teaspoonful bicarbonate of soda. **F**OR THE FILLING: 2 large swedes, 1 oz. dripping, seasoning. Mix flour and soda. Rub in fat, wet with water to a dough and roll out thinly. Peel swedes, cut into 1 inch pieces. Line a greased pudding basin with the crust. Fill with the pieces of swede, add fat and seasoning. Cover with a lid of pastry crust, twist a piece of greaseproof paper over the top. Steam 3 hours. Serve with a brown gravy. N.B.—This often takes the place of a meat dish. It is very nourishing. Miss S. Kyle, 2, Princes-st., Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

WARTIME MINCEMEAT

INGREDIENTS: 4 lb. prunes, 1 lb. currants or raisins, 1/2 lb. meat, 1/2 lb. dates, 1/2 lb. suet, 4 lb. swede, small teaspoonful of mixed spice, 1 large carrot, swede juice. Soak prunes for 24 hours and mince all fruit finely. Add grated swede and carrot (which takes the place of sugar) and mix thoroughly. Add suet, spice and mix again before adding one tablespoonful of swede juice (obtained by crushing a piece of swede). This makes a delicious and unusual mincemeat. Mrs. Moore, Rayne Hatch, Stisted, near Braintree, Essex.

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CLUES ACROSS

- This man may get bitter
- May be dropped into sea with the object of bringing something to the surface
- Capable airman can be sure of his this in the R.A.F.
- One who is on the this is near to disaster
- An untrue statement
- Centre of safe
- On occasions certain these are dragged
- To be beneficial this must be skillfully administered
- Pieces of machinery
- Press sometimes contains one
- More reasonable
- Mother
- "Snow" would describe this, if of a certain kind
- It's a full time job keeping a troublesome this in order
- This from youngsters is often rather feeble

CLUES DOWN

- Having this usually means that spirits are lowered
- Down may be covered with this
- Makes clear, as the eyes
- It's not the chap who is "holding all the aces" who is going to this
- No one can have any faith in them
- To take a pot shot
- You don't get this without there being a hard struggle
- This may entail the use of arms
- Love very much
- Vessel
- Abate reversed
- Paper is used for making these
- Context of speed
- Beginning of month

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WAR-TIME NERVES

Your blood is too thin

The people whose nerves crack up first in war are the people who have thin, watery blood. It's your blood that feeds your nerves. To make your blood rich and your nerves strong again, there is just one thing to do. You must strengthen your blood with iron. But it's no use taking ordinary iron tonics. They usually contain mineral iron, which your blood can't absorb, so they simply cause constipation. What your blood and nerves really need is organic iron. This organic iron—known to the medical profession as Iron-Ox—is quickly absorbed, rich, red strength back into your blood, brain, nerves and muscles. War-time "nerviness," tiredness and depression disappear. You get deep, calm, refreshing sleep. Iron-Ox Brand Super Tonic Tablets are sold by Boots, Timothy Whites & Taylors and other chemists. 1/3 a package (Purchase Tax extra). Get some today.

SOLID ZAM-BUK CURES PILES

In addition to Zam-Buk Ointment, or external sales you can also obtain Zam-Buk Piles soluble suppositories for 6d. each. Ask your chemist for Zam-Buk Suppositories. Left in position at night they cure while you sleep. (It's hot).

Munition Workers

Exploited £2 A WEEK FOR BED AND BREAKFAST!

By Our Industrial Correspondent

MINISTRY of Labour officials are investigating complaints that transferred and billeted munition workers are being exploited by their landlords. Many thousands of these men have been transferred from their homes to towns in other parts of the country, where their specialised skill is needed in the munition works, aircraft factories and shipbuilding yards.

Where they are married, or have responsibilities as single men to their parents, they receive a nightly allowance of 3s. 6d. from the Ministry for living away from home.

But they are complaining that in many cases they are having to pay such high prices for lodgings that they find it difficult to send sufficient home to their wives.

HOTELS DEMANDED

Many of them are having to pay £2 a week for bed and breakfast—not much of a bed and not much of a breakfast. And if they complain they are curtly told that they can go elsewhere, for the demand for lodgings in many of the areas is well in excess of the supply.

To meet the requirements of transferred munition workers, the Ministry is providing hostels, and many of the men are now urging that this should be done for them, too.

For although they are earning good wages, it costs nearly as much to keep their original homes going as when they lived there, and an occasional visit to their wives, when they get a week-end off, often costs as much as £2 in fares.

THREE FLANDERS MEN GET D.S.O.

THREE D.S.O.s ARE INCLUDED IN A LONG LIST OF ARMY, NAVY AND AIR FORCE AWARDS ANNOUNCED IN A SUPPLEMENT OF THE "LONDON GAZETTE" YESTERDAY.

They are: Lieut.-Col. Montagu Reaney Chidson, M.B.E., late Royal Artillery, Lieut. (Temporary Major) Reginald Silvers Williams, Thomas, Royal Artillery, and Colonel (Temporary Brigadier) William Augustus Fitzgerald Lane Fox-Pitt, M.V.O., M.C., late Foot Guards.

They receive their awards in recognition of gallantry in France and Flanders. Twenty-two officers receive the D.C. and seven N.C.O.s the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

Brigadier (Local Major-General) K. C. Appleyard, M.Mech.E., late Royal Engineers, is the first of five appointments as Commanders of the British Empire (Military Division).

DUKE "MENTIONED"

The Duke of Gloucester and two V.C.s of the last war—Major-General D. G. Johnson and Lieut.-Col. (Temp. Brig.) J. G. Smith, Lieut.-Gen. (Acting General) Sir Alan Brooke (now C.-in-C. of the Home Defence Forces) are among 16 names brought to notice "in recognition of distinguished services in connection with operations in the field, March-June, 1940."

More than forty columns of the Supplement are devoted to officers, N.C.O.s and men of many regiments whose names have similarly been brought to notice. Over sixty of those mentioned are stated to have since died.

Six members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service and two of the A.T.S.—Company Commander Mrs. J. K. S. Ince and Section Leader J. McIntosh—are "noticed."

War-Time Gardening TESTING YOUR SOIL FOR LIME

By RICHARD SUDELL

MOST OF OUR POTASH SUPPLIES CAME FROM GERMANY AND OCCUPIED FRANCE. THIS VALUABLE FERTILISER IS ESSENTIAL FOR HEALTHY PLANT GROWTH. ACTUALLY THERE IS POTASH IN THE SOIL IN LOCKED-UP FORM; LIME RELEASES IT.

Many new allotment gardeners will be anxious to know if lime is required by the soil. An outfit to test soil for lime is supplied by the National Allotment Society. This is a simple colour reaction by means of a chemical.

Another method is to make a paste of soil from several parts of the garden and to place a little in a glass. Add a teaspoonful of hydrochloric acid.

If violent bubbling occurs there is plenty of lime. If nothing happens the soil needs lime.

WORKING FOR VICTORY



Forced March Record

From a Special Correspondent with the South African Forces

Kenya, Saturday. SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS IN KENYA HAVE BROKEN THE BRITISH EMPIRE RECORD FOR A FORCED MARCH. TRUDGING THROUGH BAD COUNTRY, THEY AVERAGED THREE AND A QUARTER MILES AN HOUR FOR 384 MILES, WITH FIVE HOURS' REST.

The previous record, it was stated, was held by an Indian regiment, which covered 34 miles in the same time.

The South Africans who took part in this march were not hardened troops, but reserves of infantry battalions who are now undergoing intensive training.

One hundred and fifty men set off on the march. Only two dropped out.—Reuter.

BIRCH FOR A GIRL IS 'DISGUSTING'

PROTESTS ARE being made at Erith (Kent) against Mrs. Ling, a magistrate, who advocated the birching of a fifteen-year-old girl, being allowed to continue as a member of Erith's Higher Education Committee.

Mrs. Ling spoke as a magistrate, but at Erith Town Council the Rev. J. W. Wilkinson urged that the Council should protest. "No words of mine," he added, "can express my disgust at her statement."

Councillor T. C. Pannell said that the Labour Party would gladly support a notice of motion protesting against Mrs. Ling serving on the Higher Education Committee. The Mayor (Councillor W. H. Luck) thought it was a disgraceful statement for a magistrate to make.

Mrs. Ling said yesterday: "The Council are apparently bothering themselves about something which does not concern them."

Riches Amidst Rubble! TREASURES WORTH MILLIONS BURIED BY BOMBS

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

IN THE HEART OF COMMERCIAL LONDON, SUNK DEEP IN THE EARTH BENEATH A FIFTY-FOOT HIGH PILE OF MASONRY, TWISTED IRON AND CLAY, IS A TREASURE STORE RICHER AND MORE ROMANTIC THAN THE LEGENDARY CAVES OF COCOS ISLAND OR THE INCA MOUNTAINS.

Working with pickaxe and crowbar, acetylene lamp and electric drill, parties of workmen are still doing their best to uncover the secrets of this underground hoard.

The treasure, locked and double-locked in the vast steel and iron safes of the Chancery Lane Safe Deposit Co., in Holborn, is valued at many millions of pounds.

It was temporarily "lost" when a Nazi bomb struck the Safe Deposit premises, reducing them to a heap of ruins. Gold, silver, diamonds, banknotes—these and scores of other precious articles were buried in this modern Aladdin's Cave.

Hidden Treasure

POUND NOTES UNDER LINO

POSED FOR "PURE SWANK"

A MAN who posed as a Commander in the Royal Navy was said, at Tower Bridge Police Court yesterday, to have been convicted several times as a confidence trickster.

He was Maximilian Johannes Butler-Breare, forty-one-years-old, navigator, of Medina-terrace, Hove, and he pleaded guilty.

Det.-Sgt. Clarke said that Butler-Breare went to the R.T.O. office at Waterloo Station and said he was a naval commander. Later he repeated the statement at the Union Jack Club.

The detective was satisfied that on this occasion Butler-Breare made his statement for pure swank and not for any unlawful purpose.

He had more than £110 on him when arrested, and Det.-Sgt. Clarke said that so far as he could find out Butler-Breare was properly in possession of that money.

Mr. Campion, the magistrate, said he would give Butler-Breare a chance by sending him to prison for one day only.

HE WENT TO COVENTRY FOR LOOT

At Coventry yesterday, after admitting looting offences, Arthur William Merricks, aged twenty-five, of Bookham-st., London, was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour for stealing a large quantity of clothing, valued at £24 2s. 6d., from a bombed outfitters' shop.

Detective Franklin said Merricks was arrested in a train on December 12. He said he persuaded two youths to accompany him to Coventry. There they stole a car, loaded with stolen property, and took it to Whitechapel for disposal. He also asked that eight other offences be taken into account.

Witness said Merricks was well known to the police. He deserted from the Army in September, and had been living by crime since. A most serious point was his leading the youths into crime.

TODAY'S RADIO

Home Service

7.0 a.m.—Time News.
7.15—Tutor, Sexton.
8.0—Records.
8.30—Time News.
9.0—Time News.
9.15—Records.
9.30—Time News.
10.0—Time News.
10.15—Christmas Songs.
10.30—Time News.
10.45—Time News.
11.0—In Town Tonight.
11.15—Edward Elgar (piano).
11.30—Time News.
11.45—Time News.
12.15 p.m.—Farmer Game.
12.30—Time News.
1.0—Time News.
1.15—Records.
1.30—Time News.
1.45—Time News.
2.0—Time News.
2.15—In Your Garden, by C. H. Middleton.
2.30—The Importance of Being Earnest.
2.45—Time News.
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BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THE RAID

WHAT TO DO BEFORE GOING TO YOUR SHELTER

—and the help that is ready if your home is hit

BEFORE you leave the house, turn off all gas taps, including pilot jets, and turn off the gas at the main. Leave buckets or cans of water and sand or earth on the front-door step, or just inside the door. Put your stirrup pump, if you have one, where it can easily be seen. Draw back curtains and raise blinds in upper rooms so that any fires which may be started may be visible from the outside. This may save your house.

CLOTHING

Dress yourself and your children (particularly your children) warmly before leaving the house, even if the shelter is close by. You will be going from the warm house into the cold night air, and it will take a little time before you are settled down and in bed, and you should not risk anyone getting chilled before getting into bed. Also, if anything happens to your house during the night, or you should have to leave your shelter, you will have something warm to put on.

WHAT TO TAKE WITH YOU

Your money and any valuables or documents, such as rent book, or building society book, insurance policy, records of instalment payments, shaded torch, Gas Mask, Identity Card, Ration Book, etc.

Bottle of water, and something to drink out of. Slippers and clean stockings or socks (in case your feet get wet when going to shelter). Knitting or some kind of work to do. Something to read. Ear plugs. Keep something to eat beside you, in case you get peckish in the night. Hot drinks can be kept fairly warm by wrapping in a blanket, though a 'hay-bottle' is better. Instructions for making a 'hay-bottle' are contained (with many other useful hints) in very helpful leaflets being issued to all who sleep in shelters.

AFTER THE RAID

Have your plans made. Make plans now to go and stay with friends living near, but not too near, in case your house is destroyed. They should also arrange now to come to you if their house is knocked out. It's comforting to feel that everything is fixed up, just in case.

Help is ready

If your home is damaged, there is a great deal of help ready for you. Full arrangements have been made to give you food and shelter, clothes and money if necessary and to find you somewhere to live. If you have not been able to make arrangements with friends, go straight to the emergency Rest Centre. The warden and police know where it is. Ask them.

ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME SECURITY



FIFTY-FIFTY! THE BIG UN IN THE BASKET. AND THE LITTLE UN IN THE TIN.

A NEW NOSE FOR XMAS

Know what it is to be able to smell, able to taste, able to hear? Mentholatum STOPS Catarrh where it starts. This antiseptic, breathable balm—when applied into the nostrils—disposes mucus, ridges your nose of germs, subdues inflammation, stops infection and opens up stuffed breathing passages. Mentholatum Brand Balm 6d. and 1/3 plus purchase tax.

RAF BAGS FIVE

NO REST FOR ENEMY IN EAST

RAF H.Q., Middle East.

FIVE more enemy aircraft have been destroyed in the Middle East, according to the Air Ministry news service. During the night of December 19-20, RAF heavy bombers attacked Berke aerodrome. Bombs fell on buildings and hangars, starting fires which completely enveloped the whole block.

Other bombs fell among dispersed aircraft, and at least two were set on fire. Some of our aircraft, having dropped their bombs, machine-gunned the aerodrome before leaving. On the same night, Gazala aerodrome was raided, bombs falling on dispersed aircraft, but the full extent of the damage could not be ascertained. One of our bombers failed to return.

Throughout yesterday our fighters continued their patrols. One squadron shot down two C.R. 42's, confirmed, and one C.R. 42, unconfirmed; in addition seven S.79's were severely damaged in the Bardia area.

OIL TANKS HIT

In Central Albania, Berat was raided by RAF bombers yesterday, five bombs falling close to a road junction, also within the boundaries of the aerodrome.

Our fighters on patrol over the Tepelene area intercepted and engaged a formation of enemy bombers. One is believed to have been shot down.

During the night of December 19-20 our bombers carried out a successful attack on oil tanks and the railway at Brindisi.

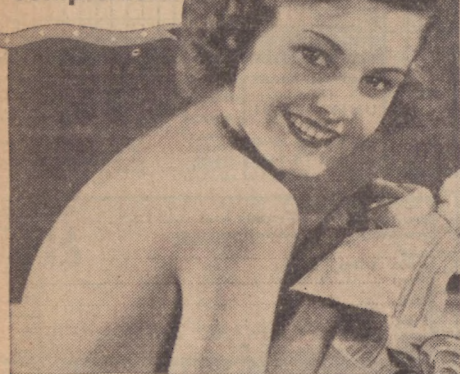
Poor visibility and intensive anti-aircraft fire made observation difficult, but all our bombs exploded in the target area, and a large fire started several explosions.

During another engagement between our fighters and enemy bombers, two S.79's and one S.81 were shot down. In Italian East Africa, Gura, Mai Adaga, Metemma, Assab and Tessenet were raided.

Aircraft of a Rhodesian squadron carried out the raids on Metemma and Tessenet. Troop concentrations were attacked at the former, and enemy aircraft on the ground at the latter.

It is reported that one Caproni was badly damaged. It was not possible to estimate the amount of damage caused at Gura or Mai Adaga, but all bombs fell within the target area, while at Assab dive attacks were made on the waterworks.

A little PALMOLIVE guards a lot of Schoolgirl Complexions



Because we haven't allowed the war to lessen the amount of olive oil in every Palmolive tablet, there are bound to be fewer tablets about in shops. But with your fair share of economy there will be no shortage of Schoolgirl Complexions however long the war goes on.

1. Don't leave Palmolive in bath or basin.
2. Don't lather lavishly—do it out of the water.
3. Don't brush away half the tablet on your nail brush—a little makes a big lather.
4. Don't leave the tablet in a puddle of water. Keep it in a perforated soap dish.
5. Don't be selfish—and buy up all the Palmolive in the shop.



SOME OF THE BOYS FROM POLAND
Polish troops, who have been co-operating with the British Forces in the Western Desert fighting, give a demonstration of their semi-goosestep.

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'PEACE OR WAR IN BALANCE'

The German spokesman said of the speech by Mr. Ronald Cross, in which the proposal was made to U.S.A.:

"According to the report available here, he (Mr. Cross) declared, among other things, that 'perhaps America can spare us vessels from its existing normal shipping strength.'"

"There are also known to be enemy ships in America, and I, naturally, am eager for these vessels. These are the only possibilities for a partial and effective reinforcement of our tonnage which I can see."

"This declaration by Cross, which was directed to American Press representatives, means nothing else than a demand upon America to engage in a warlike act, a warlike act which one can only call 'support' for England."

Germany's threat focuses the international spotlight on Washington and the Far East, writes a diplomatic correspondent.

That Hitler should choose this moment to come into the open for the first time with a warning can also be interpreted as evidence of his realisation of the growing effectiveness of American aid to Britain.

One opinion expressed in

London last night on the warning was that it was an admission by Hitler that he is nonplussed as to what to do over the situation which has developed following the Italian debacle.

It seems to suggest that now not only has he come out into the open with threats to America, but he wishes possibly also to embroil her so that he might bring Japan into the conflict and take full advantage of his agreement with the Japanese so as to neutralise America's effort for Britain. In other words he is trying to capitalise to the full our shipping losses.

Nazis Veiled Warning

On the other hand, Mr. Matsumoto, the Japanese Foreign Minister's speech two days ago was read as being intended for internal consumption in Japan only, and that, underlying it, was a desire to keep his country out of war.

The Berlin spokesman's statement was only one phase of the nervousness launched by the Nazis against Britain and America. Yesterday the German radio stressed the importance of the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo pact and issued a veiled warning to America not to enter the war.

The Three-Power Pact, declared the radio, "is backed by the concentrated power of 250,000,000 people and by the determination of three great Powers in Europe, Africa and East Asia to set up a new world order according to their designs and for the benefit of all nations concerned."

At the same time as the Nazi radio and spokesman were throwing out hints of German anger at U.S. aid for Britain, the official German news agency revealed that the Nazis had asked for the recall of certain members of the American Embassy staff in Paris who are accused of giving aid to British subjects.

U.S. Promises Inquiry

The names of the accused officials, said by Berlin to have been recalled, are Mrs. Elizabeth Deegan, a clerk whose arrest by the Germans was announced in U.S.A. some time ago, and Mr. Cecil Cross and Mr. Lee Hunt, secretaries.

According to the German statement, British authorities discovered that a British subject employed in the intelligence service was hidden for months in the American Embassy by Mr. Cross.

The News Agency adds that the United States has promised further inquiry into the matter.

Commenting on the German request for the withdrawal of members of the Embassy, Mr. Cordell Hull said the Germans had a perfect right to make such a request, and the persons concerned would be withdrawn.

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HOW BERLIN WAS BOMBED

"The captain kept control and held on his course until the bombing was finished. He then made for home and landed without further trouble. It was only when the aircraft was examined that he and his crew realised what an escape they had had."

"One piece of shrapnel had gone through each wing and another in the fuselage and just missed the left stick of bombs."

"The bomb aimer, who had been aware of the intensity of the enemy's fire, said: 'Just before we dropped our last stick a shell burst overhead. Then another burst underneath. I felt stunned for a moment and thought the cockpit was on fire.'

"My hands had been knocked off the bomb switch just as I was about to release the last stick. I recovered in a second and realised that some flak might get the bombs. My second, found my target again and let them have it."

"In a goods yard adjoining one station there was an enormous fire with continuous explosions in the midst of it. In other goods yards debris was thrown high in the air after the high-explosive bombs had burst."

Incendiaries made a fire half a mile long and visible from 50 miles away. "It was like looking at a fire in London from Brighton," as one rear-gunner said.

In the middle of the dock area

Nazi Army Leaders Want To Seize Italy

Hitler Urged To Act

Swoop On Africa Is Latest Plan

BY OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

FOR SOME TIME PAST INFORMATION I HAVE RECEIVED FROM USUALLY WELL-INFORMED SOURCES IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH AXIS COUNTRIES HAS HINTED AT NEW AND GRAVE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION AMONG THE NAZI LEADERS.

Today, further reports and the way events are moving appear to give colour to this understanding. Hitler has been unable so far to close the ranks of his advisers, and the breach is widening.

U.S.A. supplies make his success impossible. This is the general Nazi plan. 1.—Nazi troops now being poured into Italy (in spite of doubts) are not primarily intended for action outside Italy, though Fascists and public may be led to believe that they are being drafted down to relieve British pressure on the fighting fronts.

Their main purpose is to secure strategic positions throughout the country and to encourage the Italians to hold out in Africa and Albania as long as possible while the Germans are "digging themselves in."

When defeat abroad can no longer be dodged by the Italians, the Nazi concentrations will prevent any revolution when they take over the country. In fact, Hitler reckons to have occupied the country before the mass of Italians are aware of the fact.

2.—Simultaneously, the ground is being prepared for further occupation of France and French harbours of Toulon and Marseilles.

3.—The massing of more German armies on the Spanish frontier is being accelerated. The idea is to make a swoop on the North African coast, not to help Italy—though the longer the British are delayed in Libya the better it suits Hitler—but to seize the French and Spanish colonies and bases which have now become as vital to Germany in the west as the Greek bases originally were to Italy in an eastern thrust.

Hitler believes that once he is able to lock us up in the Mediterranean he will smother the initiative we have recently developed in the Middle East and will then have his southern flank secure.

He will then concentrate on his direct attack on these islands.

UNFORTUNATELY for Hitler his moves have revealed how his hands are being forced, for the real truth is that he is having to risk this two-front action long before his forces are actually ready for deployment in such new terrain.

In recovery, the preliminaries—fifth columns, etc.—on which the Nazi High Command depend, have not been able to develop in North Africa. The British victories have killed such attempts as were started.

In these circumstances I can emphasise that, since the Laval exposures, there is little danger of the French Fleet falling into German hands, and that any attempted swoop on the French colonies would be a different thing in practice from the blitzkrieg it may appear to be on German paper.

There is a new spirit arising in France—and Hitler knows it. My information is that already French North Africa is preparing to make a stubborn defence against any German encroachment and that the British Navy, which may before long be freed from purely Eastern Mediterranean duties, considers itself well able to deal with Nazi lines of communication no less effectively than it has with Graziani's.

But the greatest factor militating against the success of future German moves is the counter-action being carefully prepared here in Britain.

Other British plans which may not be discussed here will doubtless also play their part in giving the Nazis as unpleasant a shock as they gave Mussolini or the Luftwaffe.

TONIGHT'S BLACK-OUT TIMES

	Begins	Ends
London	5.21 p.m.	8.36 a.m.
Glasgow	5.15 p.m.	9.16 a.m.
Newcastle	5.10 p.m.	9.10 a.m.
Plymouth	5.43 p.m.	9.48 a.m.
Holyhead	5.31 p.m.	9.3 a.m.
Hull	5.11 p.m.	8.49 a.m.

Times for Edinburgh, Llandudno and Leeds are approximately the same as those of Glasgow, Holyhead and Hull respectively. Facts supplied and checked by the Automobile Association.

TRAIN PASSENGERS IN "BLITZ" THRILL

MR. G. WATSON, passenger on a train which ran through the centre of one "blitz" area during the raid on Merseyside on Friday night, said: "I shall never make a more thrilling journey in my life again. I don't regret it for one moment. Incendiaries fell all round and, at the suburban station, passengers, regardless of falling splinters, ran to the driver of the train to praise him for his courage."

FIANCEE'S VAIN RESCUE BID IN FIRE

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Preston, Saturday. A FATHER AND FOUR OF HIS CHILDREN, INCLUDING A TWENTY-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER WHO WAS TO HAVE BEEN MARRIED A WEEK TODAY, PERISHED IN A FIRE WHICH BURNT OUT THEIR HOME IN ALBERT-ST., PRESTON, TODAY.

John Ashworth, aged nineteen, who lives in the street, was engaged to one of the victims, and was among those who tried to break into the blazing house.

He was driven back by the intense heat of the flames and smoke.

The dead people were: Wilfred Davies, aged fifty, Margaret Isobel Davies, twenty, Wilfred Davies, Junr., fourteen, Theresa Davies, twelve, and Joan Davies, eight.

The Preston Fire Brigade made several attempts at great peril to get at the people, but were only able to recover the bodies after the fire had been extinguished.

All the bodies were found together in the front bedroom.

The mother, Mrs. Margaret Davies, was away from home engaged on war work.

Her husband, who served throughout the last war, was at Dunkirk before being invalided out of the A.M.P.S. He should have been at work with his wife, but, owing to illness, he was at home.

Another child, Vincent, aged ten, was away at the time.

LEMONS? AND THE ANSWER IS "YES"

Lemons, a large supply of them, arrived in Woolwich Market on Friday, and more were on sale yesterday.

One trader, who said he had been fortunate enough to obtain several sacks, was selling them at 1jd. each and 2d. for larger ones.

"I have not placed any restrictions," he said, "and some of my customers have taken away as many as two dozen at a time."

STOP PRESS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1940

THE LONDON RAID

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A number of people were rendered homeless by the bomb dropped by a single Zeppelin.

The bomber approached at high speed from the West, and afterwards made off amid a hail of anti-aircraft fire. Wardens were assisted by sailors and soldiers on leave in attending to casualties, and burning incendiaries were commandeered to take them to hospitals and first-aid posts.

It is not yet known whether there were any fatal casualties, although a number of people are believed to have been seriously injured.

JAPS BAN BOXING

Osaka, Japan, Saturday. Professional boxing has been banned in Osaka as being "unhealthy." This is one of the results of the new amusement enterprise regulations which came into effect yesterday.

Ask Your Chemist for

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REGISTERED
For Blood, Veins, Arteries & Heart

Murder Charge HOME GUARD "LEG-PULL" SCENE

Birmingham, Saturday. JAMES EDWARD SARGENT (THIRTY-TWO), HOME GUARD, OF BOLNEY-RD., HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM, WHO WAS CHARGED AT BIRMINGHAM POLICE COURT ON FRIDAY WITH SHOOTING A FELLOW HOME GUARD, JOHN JAMES WALKER (TWENTY-SIX), OF ASTON, BIRMINGHAM, WAS TODAY CHARGED WITH HIS MURDER.

Mr. M. P. Hugh, prosecuting, said Walker had died in hospital since the last hearing.

On Thursday, he added, there was some leg-pulling going on in the guard-room, and Walker swung a gas mask in Sargent's face. This annoyed him, and he said: "If you don't stop that, I'll shoot you."

When Walker did it again, Sargent pulled the rifle from a rack, pointed it at Walker and pulled the trigger.

The bullet passed through Walker's chest, and Sargent immediately said he did not know the rifle was loaded. Sargent was remanded until December 24.

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